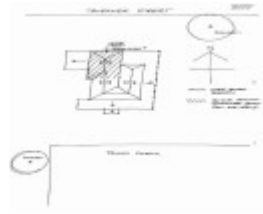

Bacchus Marsh Lawn Tennis Club Inc. (Former Maddingley Courthouse)



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Location

Maddingley Park, Taverner Street BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO171

Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 1, 1995

An unusual Court House designed by the recently formed Public Works

Department and built in 1857-8, but closed in 1858 to be replaced by the Bacchus Marsh Court House in Main Street, then subsequently used as Municipal offices by the Bacchus

Marsh and District Road Board and the Shire Council until 1896(?). It is the earliest government building in the municipality: the first courthouse as well as the first office of municipal government.

It is of regional historical significance for its association with judicial and municipal development in the early settlement, and in demonstrating the effect of early government action.

It is of regional architectural significance as a very early work of the recently formed Public Works Department in Victoria. It is a representative, if unusual, example of a very early courthouse building and a rare relatively intact survival of this building type.

More recently it has acquired local historical significance associated with sporting and social developments in community life and social significance. Throughout its life as a public building over 140 years as a traditional community focus and meeting place.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Construction dates	1857,
Other Names	Maddingley Court House,
Hermes Number	124323
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Physical Description 1

A stone Classical building with hip roof and eaves. The stone is dressed with quoins at corners; there is a smooth band at cornice-height and dado (on the north and extreme west elevation only). In the centre of the north elevation is a fine stone architrave moulding to a round headed door opening (now sealed). This has a keystone and the mould terminates in stops. There are three chimneys with Classical mouldings. Only about a third of the elevations were visible.

Physical Conditions

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Good(?). There is some cracking at cornice level in the north-west corner. Introduction of institutional services has damaged the stonework. There is some erosion of the lower stone surfaces. The opening sealed with brickwork is reversible and the timber additions may be removed

Intactness

INTACTNESS: Good(?). There are major timber additions on all sides in the form of an infilled verandah, below eaves level. The former front round headed opening is sealed with brickwork. Behind these additions the degree of intactness is unknown. Was the original courthouse the north-west section only (shaded).

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

MATERIALS. FORM. FACADE. 0

CHIMNEYS. WALL DECORATION. DOORS. ? WINDOWS. ?

Historical Australian Themes

Governing! Community life.

Usage/Former Usage

USE : Private sports club.

PREVIOUS USE: Court house ; Municipal offices; Gardens curator's residence.

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