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# Castlemaine Powder Magazine



b1950 Powder Magazine 47  
Farnsworth St Castlemaine

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## Location

47 Farnsworth Street, CASTLEMAINE VIC 3450 - Property No B1950

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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AHC Statement of Significance

Old Powder Magazine, Farnsworth Street, Castlemaine, is a brick structure erected in 1856 to the designs of the Public Works Department of Victoria. Constructed on a stone plinth, the face brick structure has a gabled slate roof with large eaves overhang. Features of the rectangular building are closely spaced buttresses along the long sides and a lean-to roofed section.

Old Powder Magazine, Farnsworth Street, Castlemaine, forms part of the important historic townscape of Castlemaine, is closely associated with the gold-mining heyday of the district and is illustrative of a practice now lost. Powder Magazines are a comparatively rare building type and this example is illustrative of the most substantial formula and is the earliest of that group. Stylistically, the structure is a vernacular Classical Revival design.

Old Powder Magazine, Farnsworth street, Castlemaine, is in fair condition and very largely intact.

Of local significance.

Construction dates 1856,

Hermes Number 125996

Property Number

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### **Veterans Description for Public**

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