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# FORMER STATE BANK

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## Location

37 HARGRAVES STREET CASTLEMAINE, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7724-0627

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	<p>The site has been used for three civic purposes:</p>
	<p>State Savings Bank (c.1857-1920s)</p>
	<p>Police Station (1920s to c. 1950)</p>
	<p>State Offices (1950 to 2010).</p>
	<p>The site is now to become the new Castlemaine Police Station</p>
Archaeological Significance	<p>The car parking areas at the side and rear of 37 Hargraves Street are likely to contain archaeological features, deposits and relics documenting a chronology of civic activities - banking and law &amp; order - from the mid 1850s.</p>

Historical Significance	Site is associated with a State and National significant event - the Mount Alexander Gold Rush.
Other Names	CASTLEMAINE POLICE STATION, CASTLEMAINE STATE OFFICES,
Hermes Number	185969
Property Number	

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## History

The land was surveyed and reserved for civic purposes in 1853. By 1857 the State Savings Bank had been constructed on the site. It was built in two phases, with an ornamental front being added in 1857 (See historical photograph and photo 4)

In the mid 1920s the Victorian Government did a deal which changed the functions of two buildings - the functions of the police station (then located at 220 Barker Street in VHR0580) were shifted to 37 Hargraves Street, and the bank's function, transferred to 220 Barker Street. This exchange resulted in the passing of the Castlemaine Land Bill. As part of the exchange, the stone lock up was relocated to its present site - originally it was located in Section 14, Lot 10.

In 1950s a new police station was built in Lyttleton Street and 37 Hargraves Street became State Offices.

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