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# ESSENDON (MOONEE PONDS) COURT HOUSE (FORMER)



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## Location

770 MT ALEXANDER ROAD, and 3 KELLAWAY AVENUE, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1051

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO84

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### **What is significant?**

The former Essendon (Moonee Ponds) Court House, designed by Public Works Department district architect S.E. Bindley and constructed in 1889, at 770 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds is significant.

Non-original alterations and additions to the house are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

The former Essendon (Moonee Ponds) Court House is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

NOTE: the court house is also listed on the Victorian Heritage Register, H1051 - please refer to the VHR citation.

### **Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant as an early Government building in Moonee Ponds. It demonstrates the beginnings of this area as the civic and community centre of Moonee Ponds. (Criterion A)

It is architecturally significant as a successful and complete design in the style associated with public buildings of that era and compares to Moonee Ponds railway station. The significance of the building is enhanced by a similarly near original interior and furnishings. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1890,
Architect/Designer	Bindley, Samuel Ebdon,
Other Names	MPAC heritage study, Essendon Historical Society Museum,
Hermes Number	24048
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

A Medieval revival, polychrome brick and stucco building of one level and a clerestory, which houses a furnished court room, ancillary rooms and an arcaded entrance porch to the west end. The Tudor arch and gable, associated hood moulds, papyrus friezes, the guilloche balustrading, candle-snuffer pinnacles and a high-gable slated roof, with iron roofed side aisles are all valuable attributes of this revival design.

The building is in good condition and is generally original except for the removal of the presumed timber picket fence, John Davies' cypress tree, and associated landscaping and trim colours.

In a streetscape context it is a major corner building and part of a group of nineteenth century civic and community buildings including the Anglican Church complex and the former town hall.

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