

# EAGLEHAWK COURT HOUSE, MAGISTRATES COURT AND LOCK-UP



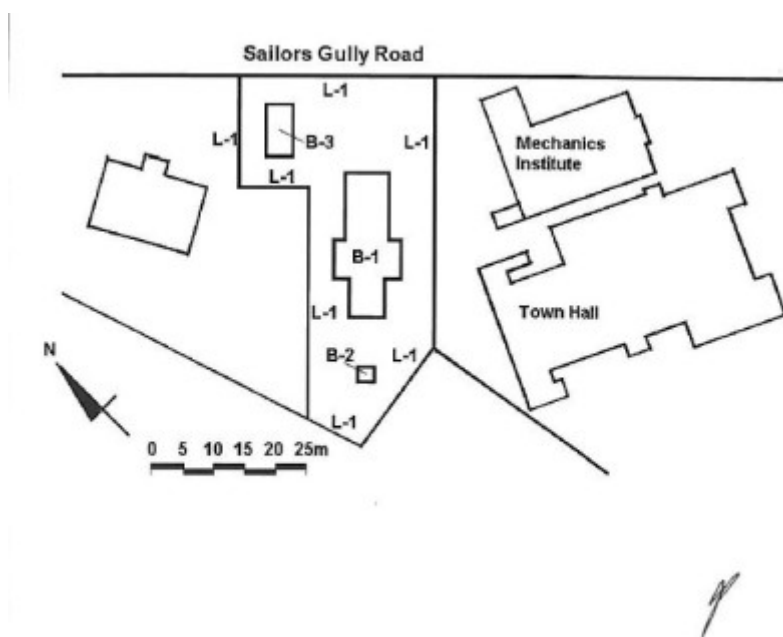
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1 eaglehawk courthouse  
magistrates court &  
lockup courthouse front  
corner



H1401 H1401 plan

## Location

1 SAILORS GULLY ROAD EAGLEHAWK, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1401

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO394

## VHR Registration

February 12, 1998

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 25, 2000

What is significant?

A timber Court of Petty Sessions was built in Eaglehawk in 1858. The log lockup now adjacent to the present courthouse was built to a Canadian plan in the same year in the grounds of the police station in High Street. Two other log lockups operated in the locality. By 1867 complaints were made that the accommodation in the courthouse was inadequate, and rooms were rented in the town hall. A new courthouse was built in 1869, initially in a typical plan with front entered courtroom and two rooms at the rear - the third room was added soon after. The log lockup was moved to its present position in 1970.

The Courthouse was designed by Public Works Department architects H. A. Williams and Peter Kerr. Kerr, who also designed the Post Office in the same precinct, is given credit for the detailing. The Victorian Free Classical design incorporates along with Romanesque circular gable vent and raking arches motif, the triple arch motif which was very popular in public buildings of this period. The Eaglehawk Courthouse is unusual amongst courthouses in its adoption of side entered porch under the main gable roof, rather than verandah or open colonade. The red brick building features extensive cream brick detailing, including banding, corbelled cream mouldings, striated arches and reveals, panels in the gable end and diaper patterns on the chimneys.

The 4.4m by 8.4m log lockup is typical of the log cabin construction log lockups built during the gold rushes. It features three timber lined cells and secure entry vestibule. It is constructed of bush hardwood logs, with logs in the cell walls transverse poles under the floor and above the ceiling for security.

How is it significant?

The Eaglehawk Courthouse and Log Lockup are of architectural and historical importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Eaglehawk Courthouse is architecturally important for the qualities of design displayed in its facade. The decorative use of brickwork is more elaborate than for other courthouses of comparable scale in the period, and is an early example of the use of bichromatic brickwork.

The Eaglehawk Courthouse is a representative and intact example of small regional courthouses. The courthouse displays the typical features in the layout of courtroom and entrance vestibule, offices with smaller vestibules, and the internal fittings and furnishings are intact. The positioning of the Courthouse within an intact group of nineteenth century civic buildings adds to this representativeness.

The Eaglehawk Log Lock Up is a rare example of a building type prevalent in the 1850s but of which only five examples remain in the State. Eaglehawk is one of the more intact examples, and one of only three of this particular form in the State. The Eaglehawk lockup displays all of the principal material and constructional characteristics of the log lock up, a type once common, especially in the gold-fields.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

#### EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMITS:

(Classes of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit under Part 4 of the Heritage Act 1995)

#### General Conditions:

All permit exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.

Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.

If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.

Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.

Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

#### Exterior

Minor repairs and maintenance which replace like with like.

Removal of extraneous items such as air conditioners, pipe work, ducting, wiring, antennae, aerials etc, and making good.

Installation or repair of damp-proofing by either injection method or grouted pocket method.  
Repair or replacement of fences and gates.  
Regular grounds maintenance.  
Installation, removal or replacement of watering systems.  
Laying, removal or replacement of paving in the grounds.

#### Interior

Installation of kitchen bench and sink, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher etc and associated plumbing and wiring.  
Installation, removal or replacement of ducted, hydronic or concealed radiant type heating provided that the installation does not damage existing skirtings and architraves and provided that the location of the heating unit is concealed from view.  
Installation, removal or replacement of electrical wiring provided that all new wiring is fully concealed and any original light switches, pull cords, push buttons or power outlets are retained in-situ.  
Installation, removal or replacement of smoke detectors.

Construction dates	1858,
Architect/Designer	Williams, Henry A,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	MAGISTRATES COURT, LOCK UP, LOCKUP,
Hermes Number	5187
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: Peter Kerr

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under Section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that the Heritage Register Number 1401 is now described in the category as a Heritage Place:

Eaglehawk Courthouse Magistrates Court and Lockup, Sailors Gully Road, Eaglehawk, Greater Bendigo City Council.

### EXTENT

1. To the extent of all the buildings marked B-1, B-2 and B-3 on diagram 607838A held by the Executive Director.
2. To the extent of all the land marked L-1 on Diagram 607838A held by the Executive Director, being part of the land described as Public Purposes Reserve, Crown Allotment 9, Section 11, Eaglehawk Parish of Sandhurst.
3. To include the following timber furnishings - in the court room, the judge's bench, witness stand, clerk's desk and jurors' seats and bench; in the left office the bureau/cupboard and the angled bench.

Dated 5 February 1998

RAY TONKIN  
Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*