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# Castlemaine Gaol



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## Location

36-48 Bowden Street between Challis & Edward Streets,, CASTLEMAINE VIC 3450 - Property No B0663

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0990

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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Castlemaine Gaol comprises a complex of bluestone buildings constructed to the designs of the Public Works Department of Victoria, the first wing in 1857 with additions between 1858-64.

The incomplete design features single storied warden's quarters about a gabled, central entrance. Cell blocks and a hospital radiate from a central hall and there is a wall with turrets.

Castlemaine Gaol is a landmark on its hilltop site and is an important part of the historic townscape of Castlemaine. The complex is substantial and is associated with the early years of the gold rush in the area. In architectural terms, the gaol is typical of gaol design of the period, stylistically in an utilitarian Classical Revival

style. The entrance wing is unusually rudimentary.  
Castlemaine Gaol is reasonably intact and in good condition.  
Classified: 28/04/1960

Other Names      Former H.M. Prison,

Hermes Number   69140

Property Number

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