

BUILDING NO. 35
POLICE STATION
314 SCOTT STREET



Recommendations

It is recommended that the Police Station be added to the Government Buildings Register, the Register of the National Estate and protected under the provisions of Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act. (Third Schedule).

Statement of Significance

The Buninyong Police Station is a well detailed and executed building, constructed to a Public Works Department design. It is a typical example of provincial town police accommodation and several buildings are erected to this design. Of particular significance, is the siting of this building in a precinct identified for its architectural significance, of which the Police Quarters is a contributor.

Building History and Description

Police operations were initially carried out at a combined Police Station and Court House complex constructed of timber and logs, shown in an illustration in 1852.

The Buninyong Police Station was constructed in 1887 to a Public Works Department design. The successful tenderer for the Works was the Coombs Brothers, with a contract sum of 1,035 pounds. This structure replaced the earlier location for activities at the Court of Mines.

The Buninyong Police Quarters comprise a asymmetrical structure, constructed in pressed red brick with horizontal render bands, and a slate roof. Extrados mouldings accentuate the simple arch headed windows. Rendered chimney caps and cornice are features of the chimneys. The Police Quarters remain substantially intact, and is typical of the well detailed nineteenth century Public Works Department designs.

Building Integrity and Future Enhancement

The Police Quarters remain substantially intact, and the building has recently been painted with an appropriate colour scheme. Where future maintenance is required for the front fence, it is recommended that this structure be replaced with a suitable picket style.

References

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