

Smythesdale Courthouse

64 Brooke Street, Smythesdale

Lot No. **Plan No.**

Municipal Rate No.

Architectural Style

Victorian Free Classical

Designer(s)

1860 - 1860 Peter Kerr

Contractor(s)



Source: Victorian Heritage Register

Legislative Registers

Nominated

Registered

Other Registers

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register No.



H1653

National Estate RNE - Database

15430

Heritage Inventory No.



RNE Legal Status

Indicative

Precinct Heritage Overlay No.



National Trust (Vic.) File

B3267

Precinct Heritage Overlay Nam

Nat. Trust Classification



Individual Heritage Overlay No.



HO69

Statement of Significance

National Estate Register:

A pleasing example of the standard courthouse design, dating from 1860.

Source: Victorian Heritage Register -

Smythesdale Courthouse was built by Bond and Company in 1860 for 911 pounds (contract number 60/48), although a plan of a more substantial building dated 3/12/66 and signed 'PK' (Peter Kerr) of the Public Works Department exists.

The building is constructed of load-bearing red brick, of simple gabled rectangular form with a small hipped porch (now glazed in), rooms with a lower roof line at the rear and a side entry porch. The roof is of slate and the windows have bluestone sills and arched brick headers. Adjacent to the rear of the courthouse is a police stable building, and beyond that, a bluestone lock-up.

This courthouse is one of seven 1860's Victorian courthouses with small projecting entry porches.

A later addition butts on unsympathetically at one side at the rear of the building. Contracts for later work were built by Watts in 1863... And additions in 1871-2 let to J Milverton.... The paintwork is in poor condition, some brickwork is crumbling, and some windows have been bricked in, but otherwise the exterior features remain including some cast-iron downpipes.

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National Trust:

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A pleasing example of the standard court house design, dating from 1860.

Class: State

Description

National Estate Register:

The Courthouse was built in brick with gabled roof and hipped porch, which is now closed in.

Condition and Integrity:

Good.

History

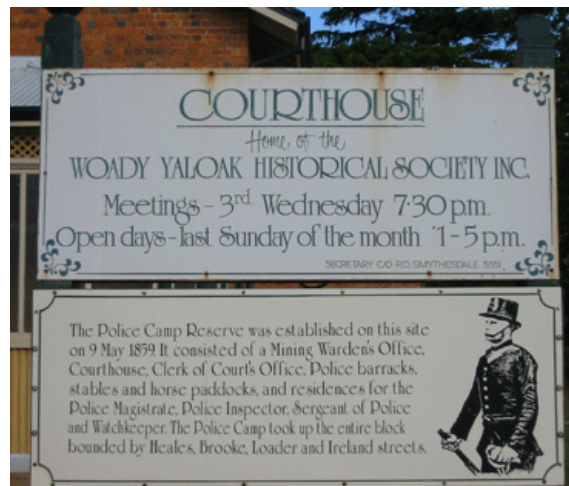
National Estate Register: Not Available.

Thematic Context

Recommendations



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