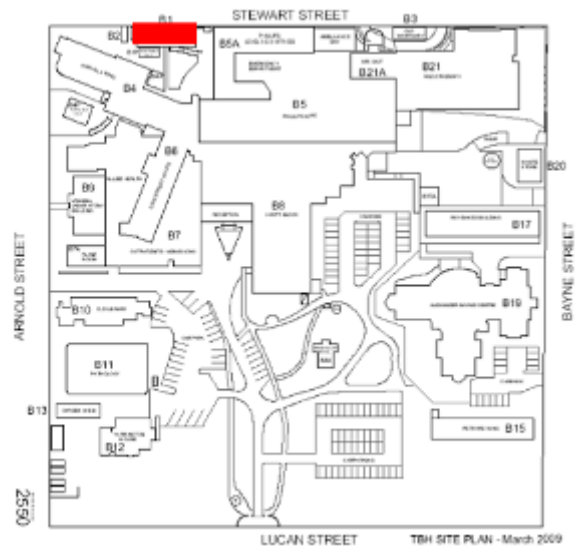


## B1 Modesty House



**Location:** Stewart Street  
**Built:** 1891  
**Designer:** Probably W.C. Vahland  
**Builder:** Unknown



### History:

Modesty House was built in 1891 to accommodate the hospital's officers and servants. Minor alterations and additions have been undertaken in 1964 and 1974. The building currently accommodates some of the hospital's administrative staff.

### Description:

Modesty House is a double-storey red brick building with a double-storey verandah extending along the south-east elevation. The building turns its back on Stewart Street and addresses the rear of the main hospital buildings. It is rectangular in plan and has a hipped roof clad with corrugated iron. The similarly hipped and corrugated iron roof of the timber-framed verandah is separate to the main building's roof. Cast iron balustrade panels, brackets and friezes ornament the verandah structure. Timber-framed, double-hung windows are spaced at regular intervals across the elevations, while the main entrance is centrally located on the south-east elevation. The double door is framed by top and side lights and comprises two leaves, each with two panels.

A central timber staircase is located within the entrance foyer and provides access to a corridor, which extends along the north-western length of the building at ground and first floor level. The interiors have timber floors and square-set cornices.

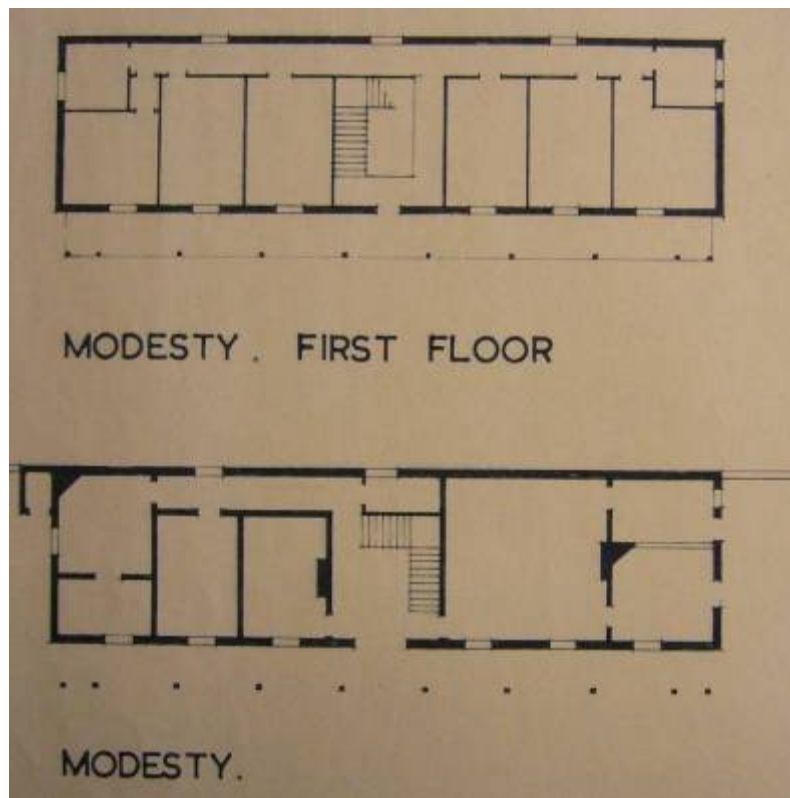
### Cultural Heritage Significance

Historic Theme: Development of the Bendigo Hospital

Primary significance to the major historic theme and to the site as part of the group of the structures which define the site's earliest history.



Male staff in front of Modesty House, 1900  
Source: Bendigo Health Records



Plan of Modesty House, as existing in 1959.  
Source: Archives of Department of Human Services, Drawing by Yuncken Freeman Brothers Griffiths & Simpson