

Place name Yarram Court House

Survey Date:

Other name

Id:

693

Street 87 Commercial Road (cnr Rogers Street)

Last Update

Locality Yarram

Postcode 3971

Official Locality

Property No HO33

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Property Info

Precinct: Precinct - Sale Town Centre

Easting 471600

Northing 5731700

Map 8220

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer Designer: Cohen, JB; Builder: N FALCO

Builder

Ownership

Built Date 1907 - 190 **Change Date**

Description Surrounded by single storey vestibules and ancillary offices is the centrally located double storey Court Room. With a steeply pitched slightly concave hipped slate roof it is a most distinctive feature. The roof has several vents and two finials, together with tall chimneys which, like the rest of the building, are built of red brick with strongly contrasting white render decoration. Beneath the bracketted eaves are clerestory windows. An entrance porch is topped with a decorative parapet. (RNE 015034).

The high octagonal Court Room is located centrally with clerestory windows and a steeply pitched hipped slate roof crowned with two unusual finials. The Court Room is surrounded with ancillary offices, the general massing and the distinctive roof form part of this significant example of Edwardian architecture. (National Trust Register, B333)

Condition and Integrity : The building appears to be in good condition and intact. (Early 1986) (RNE 015034)

Condition

Integrity

History The Yarram Court House was erected in 1907/1908 by the Public Works Department (PWD). The contractor was Neil Falconer and architect was JB Cohen of the Department. Yarram Court House is similar in plan and style to the Heidelberg Court House which was designed in 1899 by the same architect. The design is a departure from the more conventional gabled court houses of the nineteenth century and represents one of the most distinctive examples of Edwardian architecture produced by the PWD. The unusual massing and roof are particularly significant in this regard.

Heritage Protections Register

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Historic Places Branch Database	2239		Listed
Planning Scheme	HO33		Listed
Register of the National Estate	015034		Listed
Victorian Heritage Register	H1491		Listed

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed & protected

Stage 2 priority No Action: Already include

Final Ranking State significance

Final Recommendation Amendment C26

Statement of significance This very distinctive Federation design, with its unusual massing and roof form, displays considerable creative and technical achievement. (Criterion F.1)

Situated on the south Gippsland highway (also called commercial road, Yarram's main thoroughfare), the court house with its distinctive design is a dominant feature of The local streetscape. (Criterion E.1) (RNE 015034)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography Historic Places Section Court Houses Database, NRE (2000).
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