
The Old Powder Magazine



B1950 Powder Magazine

Location

47 Farnsworth Street,, CASTLEMAINE VIC 3450 - Property No B1950

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Local

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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The Old Powder Magazine, Farnsworth Street, Castlemaine, is a brick structure erected in 1856 to the designs of the Public Works Department of Victoria. Constructed on a stone plinth, the face brick structure has a gabled slate roof which large eaves overhang. Features of the rectangular building are closely spaced buttresses along the long sides and a lean-to roofed section.

The Old Powder Magazine forms part of the important historic townscape of Castlemaine, is closely associated with the gold-mining heyday of the district and is illustrative of a practice now lost. Powder Magazines are a comparatively rare building type and this example is illustrative of the most substantial formula and is the earliest of that group. Stylistically, the structure is a vernacular Classical Revival design.

The Old Powder Magazine is in fair condition and very largely intact.

Classified: 29/10/69

Hermes Number 69177

Property Number

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