



Nomination for Heritage Award

Moorakyne House

4-6 Sturt Street, Robe



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This twelve-roomed gabled residence of local limestone, multi-paned casement windows of Regency style was State Heritage listed in 1983 but weathering and water penetration had caused severe damage to the western wall and to the woodwork and windows.

The plan for the restoration was prepared by architect Tim Rogers and Marg Ferguson led, with many excellent local tradesmen. The original was so well constructed that minimal replacement of timber was required. Glen Jarrett coordinated the painting and repair of the windows, while Steve Clements and Shane Carter contributed to the carpentry and tiling.

Chris Harding hand-carved the verandah posts to match the originals, electrical work was by Jonathon and Peter Agnew and plumbing by Mat Austin. McGregor Builders replaced the roof iron and the asbestos on one section and restored the roof timber and trim. Damien Liddicoat of Traditional Heritage Masonry and Simon Pendle also contributed.

Several inappropriate additions were removed and a missing window was reinstalled. Decayed woodwork was replaced and windows repaired with old glass sourced from Sydney.

The project has also involved restorations of several outbuildings and a baker's oven, well and cellar. The recovery of the Victorian garden is underway as lake stone for paths and walling is recovered.