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# Colonial Bank (former)

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## Location

Bell Street, Yarra Glen VIC 3775

## Municipality

YARRA RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

Yarra Ranges Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Colonial Bank at 25 Bell Street, Yarra Glen.

How is it significant?

The former Colonial Bank, 25 Bell Street, Yarra Glen is of local historical, aesthetic and social significance.

Why is it significant?

Of local historical significance as one of only two early banks in the region (the other being the former Commercial Bank of 1886, corner of Armstrong Grove and Bell Street). RNE criterion A.4

Of aesthetic significance as a late Boom-Style bank and one of the most stately buildings in Yarra Glen.  
RNE criterion E.1

Of social significance because it was a focal point for financial dealings in the district.  
RNE criterion G.1

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| Construction dates | 1890,                             |
| Architect/Designer | Campbell, Colin,                  |
| Other Names        | National Bank/Yarra Glen Gallery, |
| Hermes Number      | 116040                            |
| Property Number    |                                   |

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## Physical Description 1

A double-storey rendered brick Victorian classical revival bank with an ornate symmetrical facade. The ground floor has plain rusticated walls with a central entrance surmounted by a triangular pediment on console brackets. On either side of the entrance are fixed lower sash windows with hoppers and segmental arched pediments on console brackets. The first floor windows are timber-framed double, hung sashes with pediments arranged to match the ground floor. Above the first floor is a heavily moulded cornice and balustraded parapet with prominent finials.

The single storey rear wing has painted face brick walls with timber-framed double-hung sash windows and a hipped slate roof.

The building is substantially intact with only minor alterations. These include the replacement of the original ground floor windows and door and the infilling of a window opening on the side elevation. Historic photographs indicate the render to the facade was originally unpainted.

## Physical Conditions

Excellent

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