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# Former National Australia Bank and Dwelling (Madden & Bourke Ply, Ltd., Barristers and Solicitors)



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## Location

127 Main Street BACCHUS MARSH, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO13

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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A rendered brick two storey Renaissance Revival bank building, designed by the important Melbourne architect Leonard Terry in 1865. There are rear additions by a further important architect, Lloyd Tayler, then a new

frontispiece in 1904 by Gibbs and Finlay. It was occupied by the bank for 120 years.

The former bank has local historical significance for its association with the development of business in the community life of Bacchus Marsh and its influence on the economic growth of the town. It also demonstrates a changing sequence of architectural styles.

It has architectural significance locally, as a representative example of an important architect's work, in Leonard Terry. This is now obscured, yet sufficient is visible on the eastern side to appreciate the design. The 1904 addition is an audacious and innovative design and a strong urban design contribution to Main Street.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995; |
| Architect/Designer        | Gibbs & Finlay, Terry, Leonard, Tayler, Lloyd,  |
| Other Names               | National Bank of Australia,   |
| Hermes Number             | 117242  |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Conditions

Good

## Intactness

Good. Doors have been replaced. There are partitions intruding into the belvedere space. Paint colours are not appropriate. The fence has been removed.

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH.

VERANDAH DECORATION.

DOORS. WINDOWS.

STREET FURNITURE.

## Physical Description 1

A two storey, rendered brick, Renaissance Revival bank building . This was four bays and set well back from the street boundary. The 1904 addition which extends to the street in front of this, obscures most of the two right-hand bays, with a ground floor room and first floor belvedere. All is rendered and ruled as ashlar. The 1868 building has a parapet with deep cornice moulding and frieze.

At first floor level, there is also a cornice and frieze. Windows have architraves with crosettes and spandrel panels. The earlier mouldings are continued around the extension, which is otherwise plain. Its cornice is supported on squat Roman Ionic columns. Their pedestals are linked as a balustrade. The entrance has double doors and a fanlight. The courtyard formed by the extension is paved with diamond-shaped pavers.

## Usage/Formal Usage

USE: Office

PREVIOUS USE: Bank

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Townships.

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