

## FORMER ES&A BANK



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camberwell side view  
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former es&a bank  
camberwell front view  
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### Location

482 RIVERSDALE ROAD HAWTHORN EAST, BOROONDARA CITY

### Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0534

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO18

### VHR Registration

July 14, 1982

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 18, 1999

What is significant?

The former English, Scottish and Australian Bank was constructed in 1885. It was designed by the prominent architects William Wardell and W L Vernon in the Gothic style. The bank, one of the largest financiers of suburban builders, was constructed in East Hawthorn to provide facilities for the building boom underway in Camberwell after the extension of the railway line from Hawthorn in 1882. The building is brick with a slate roof. In 1961 the former bank was refurbished internally, although it still retains the original staircase and varnished ceiling over the former banking chamber.

How is it significant?

The former English, Scottish and Australian Bank is of historic and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The former English, Scottish and Australian Bank at East Hawthorn is important for its ability to exhibit the aesthetic characteristics of Wardell's architectural style. The bank is also important as a rare example of Wardell's bank architecture which, together with that at 390 Collins Street Melbourne, are the only designed by Wardell. Essentially constructed as a village branch, the former bank at East Hawthorn provides a contrast, through its comparatively simple style, to that at 390 Collins Street Melbourne. The former English, Scottish and Australian Bank at East Hawthorn is historically important through its association with the land and housing boom of the 1880s, the result of the extension of Melbourne's railway network.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or

object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1885,
Architect/Designer	Wardell, William W.,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	188
Property Number	

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## Plaque Citation

This Gothic style bank, designed by the architects William Wardell and Walter Vernon, was built in 1885 to support the building boom in Camberwell which followed the extension of the railway line in 1882.

## Extent of Registration

Historic Building No. 534 Former ES&A Bank, Corner Burke and Riversdale Roads, East Hawthorn.  
[Victoria Government Gazette No.71 - 14 July 1982 p.2346]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*