
A. J. PAGE ELECTRICAL STORE



23039 A J Page s 89 Bell St
Penshurst 0799

Location

91a Bell Street PENSHURST, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 15, 2003

What is significant?

A.J Page Electrical, located at 91a Bell Street Penshurst has a large driveway and storage area to the south and to the east, a small Mount Gambier Stone building with a corrugated iron roof with a stepped pediment in the same material. The building was used as a motor garage and workshop upto the late 1930s. The building has had some alterations, including the modern display windows set symmetrically on either side of a much altered garage door, designed for motor entry. No architect or builder has been associated with the design. The door has been filled in with display windows on either side. The building is in very good condition, and retains a good degree of integrity, despite the loss of original front door and windows.

How is it significant?

A.J Page Electrical store is of historical significance to the Shire of Southern Grampians and the township of

Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

A.J Page Electrical is of historical significance as it is the site of the first electrical connection in Penshurst. It is important for its continuing use as an Electrical store since the late 1930s. The store is the only operating electrical store and service within the township of Penshurst. The site is also of historical significance as on of the most prominent locations and earliest allotments purchased within the township, associated with the first land sales. The store is of historical significance as it is representative of the importance which the people of Penshurst placed on the arrival and continuance of electricity in the township of Penshurst. It is also of Historical significance for its association with the Schramm family, a well respected family of Penshurst.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Construction dates | 1930, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place, |
| Other Names | R SCHRAMM'S GARAGE, |
| Hermes Number | 23039 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The A. J. Page Electrical Store at 91a Bell Street, Penshurst has two parts. To the south of the site is a plain, utilitarian structure built of Mount Gambier Stone with a corrugated iron roof and a stepped pediment surmounting the facade. The eastern part of the site has a wide driveway and rear area currently used for storage. The physical layout of the site reflects its earlier use as a motor garage and workshop. The original doorway provided motor access to the garage has been infilled with a smaller modern door and glass surrounds. Large modern display windows are located on either side of the entrance. There are two symmetrical chimneys located to the front of either side of the building.

Physical Conditions

The condition of the store is very good.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies
3.19 Marketing and Retailing

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities
4.1 Planning urban settlements

Integrity

Good degree of integrity, despite the loss of original front door and windows.

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