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# BANK OF VICTORIA (FORMER)



23232 Bank of Victoria CBC  
Former 40 Martin St  
Penshurst 1552

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## Location

40 Martin Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 001

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Bank of Victoria is a single storey rendered brick building located at on the corner of Martin and Cox Streets, some 100 metres west of the centre of Penshurst. The former bank of Victoria was the first bank opened in Penshurst, in 1869, the architect and contractor are unknown. The bank is a typical example of highly restrained Victorian classicism, using the Italian palazzo form because of its association with the origin of modern banking in Florence. The building has suffered few alterations, and is in good condition. There is a timber manager's residence at the rear of the property which dates from the 1860s. This appears to be in good condition also.

How is it significant?

The former Bank of Victoria is of architectural and historical significance to the township of Penshurst and the

Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The bank is of architectural significance as an example of the application of the restrained classical style in banks. The architecture, being conservative and classical, presented an image of security and stability to its customers. The former Bank of Victoria is of historical significance as one of the major financial institutions which serviced the township for over 130 years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Architect/Designer	Smith, Alexander L,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23232
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The former Bank of Victoria survives reasonably intact, and is in good condition.

## Physical Description 1

The former Bank of Victoria is a single storey building, effectively symmetrical about the corner entrance, built of rendered brick (or bluestone?). The facade uses an arcuated system of simulated structure. The parapet is very plain behind which there is low pitched hipped corrugated iron roof.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.18 Financing Australia

3.18.2 Banking and lending

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural communities

## Usage/Former Usage

Private residence.

## Integrity

Very high degree of integrity

## Physical Description 2

Alexander L Smith, architect

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