
BALMORAL POST OFFICE



23251 Post Office Balmoral
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Location

11 Glendinning Street, BALMORAL VIC 3407 - Property No 045

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 31, 2003

What is Significant?

The Balmoral Post Office is a single storey symmetrical timber building with a verandah, subsequently enclosed and which formerly featured a pediment and clock. The paired timber posts survive as does much of the facade detailing. Its plan includes a projecting central pavilion used as the main office the interior of which retains some original features. The current building was designed by the Victorian Public Works Department, completed in 1890. Although the design included a clock 'tower' in the verandah roof, no clock was ever installed. The facade was altered, to provide better weather protection, as early as the 1930s when the clock tower was probably removed. There is a residence at the rear (not inspected).

How is significant?

The Balmoral Post Office is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the community of Balmoral.

Why is it significant?

The Balmoral Post Office is of historical significance as the focus for postal and telecommunications services to the community from the 1860s to the present day. It is of architectural significance for its comparison with the post offices in the other communities of the Shire, particularly that of which is of the same standard design.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1889,
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Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition although altered.

Physical Description 1

The post office is a single storey symmetrical timber building with a verandah, subsequently enclosed and which formerly featured a pediment and clock. The paired timber posts survive as does much of the facade detailing. The building has shallow eaves. Its plan includes a projecting central pavilion used as the main office the interior of which retains some original features. There is a residence at the rear (not inspected). The roofs are corrugated iron.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.7 Establishing communications

3.7.1 Establishing postal services

3.7.2 Developing electrical means of communication

Usage/Former Usage

post office

Integrity

low degree of integrity externally
(interior not yet inspected)

Physical Description 2

Basil Lyon, first official post master for 26 years from 1855 to 1882

Annie Renehan, post mistress from 1882

Mary Nixon, post mistress from 1885

George Reeve, telegraph messenger from 1885

Miss Tillotson, post mistress from 1898

Miss Gray, post mistress from 1910

E K Gray, post master [?] from 1914

L D Gray, acting post master [?] from 1916

R H Finley, post master from 1942

Hugh C Patterson, post master from 1942 until 1971

Cliff Blackwood, post master from 1971
Betty Blackwood, present post master

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