
SCHRAMM'S SERVICE STATION



23331 Schramm s 84 Bell St
Penshurst 0797

Location

84 Bell Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0027

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Schramm's Service Station is a large timber framed building in the Interwar Moderne style. The facade includes a stepped parapet with distinctive traditional lettering, a central front door and large almost symmetrically arranged windows. The location, on a main road, and next door to a hotel suggests that the site has been used for some form of transport for some time. The Schramm family established the service station during the Interwar years. The surviving livery of the building suggests that it was a Caltex service station. There has been no architect or builder identified as being associated with the buildings. The service station is in good condition and retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

Schramm's Service Station is of historical and architectural significance to the southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

Schramm's Service Station is of historical significance as a long term use of the site by the same business and family for the same purpose for over sixty years. Of further historical significance is the location of the service station, on a main route through the town, which suggests that the advent of motor cars through the district was during the Interwar period was the catalyst for the development of a new commercial enterprise. Schramm's Service Station is a rare surviving example of the Moderne Interwar period of architecture. The service station is of further architectural significance as a well known icon which makes an important contribution to the streetscape in the centre of Penshurst.

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,
Hermes Number	23331
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition.

Physical Description 1

A large timber framed building under one main gable roof but with side extensions. The facade includes a stepped parapet, central front door and large windows. The upper facade is clad with fibro-cement shetting. The lower facade is treated as a plinth in weatherboards. There are four windows in the facade, generally symmetrical. The larger windows on either side of the central door are subdivided into four large panes. The side windows, associated with the offices are also subdivided into large panes. The side walls are corrugated iron laid vertically. The roof is corrugated iron. The most distinctive feature of the facade is the traditional lettering. The building is set back from the street boundary to create a forecourt. There are no petrol pumps although some bases can be seen. Internally there are two offices framed in timber and clad in weatherboard. The main workshop is a large open space under the timber trussed roof. The side walls show concrete footings.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

Theme 3.8 Moving goods and people on land

Theme 3.8.8 Getting fuel to engines

Usage/Former Usage

vacant (?)

Integrity

excellent degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

The Schramm family,

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