
BRICK SHOP & RESIDENCE



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Location

76b Bell Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0024

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?

The brick shop and residence is located on the north side of Bell Street, between Martin and French Streets in the centre of the township of Penshurst. The shop is a single storey rendered brick building with a conventional asymmetrical shop front and a recessed entrance on the north side to the residence at the rear. Both shop and residence date from the early 1900s, and are in the Free Classical Federation style. The land on which this shop stands was purchased by a J. Scott on 4th September 1852, it is possible that this may be J. H Scott, the important Hamilton businessman who was active in the area and associated with Hamilton's Free Press between 1860-1870. The full history of occupation of the site, the shop and the residence is yet to be determined. There has been no architect or builder associated with the building. The shop and residence are in good condition and retain a good degree of integrity externally.

How is it significant?

The shop and residence are of historical and architectural significance to the township of Penshurst and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it Significant?

The shop and residence are of architectural significance as good representative examples of the application of the Free Classical style in early twentieth century commercial premises. The shop and residence are of historical significance as they demonstrate the change in Penshurst's commercial activity; the date of construction suggests that Penshurst was continuing to develop as a commercial centre in the early twentieth century, but by the turn of the century, there had been a change in the commercial activity away from the smaller towns.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1900,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23334
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition. [The interiors have not been inspected.]

Physical Description 1

The shop is a single storey rendered brick building with a conventional asymmetrical shop front and a recessed entrance on the north side to the residence at the rear. The shop entrance is also on the north side and retains its four panelled timber door. The shop window has been altered. The facade is completed by a conventional parapet which includes a simple pediment, supported by consoles and a closed panel below, and terminating piers. These are surmounted by balls. There is a flat roofed timber verandah with a simple timber frieze. The spandrels are filled in with sheeting. The roofs of the verandah, shop and residence are corrugated iron. There is a red brick chimney rising from the rear of the shop.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.19 Marketing and Retailing

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Usage/Former Usage

residential

Integrity

Excellent degree of integrity externally. [Interiors not yet inspected.]

Physical Description 2

J. Scott

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