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## BANK OF AUSTRALASIA (FORMER)



Bank of Australasia (former, 2000)



Bank of Australasia (former, 2015)



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### Location

19 FALLS ROAD, FISH CREEK, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO13

### Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 23, 2022

#### What is significant?

The former Bank of Australasia, designed by A & K Henderson and constructed by Oscar Petersen in 1910 and extended in 1913, at 19 Falls Road, Fish Creek. It is a single storey weatherboard clad building with a transverse corrugated iron gable roof at the street frontage, and a residence contained in a wide gable projecting to the rear. The residence has a projecting verandah contiguous with the roof to the north side. The roof has boxed eaves and the gable ends are bracketed and stepped with pressed metal cornices.

The front elevation has weather boards to window height with a rough cast frieze above. It has a central pair of framed vertical board doors with a highlight above. The symmetrical side windows are paired double hung with bracketed mini-orb hoods over. The single end windows are similarly treated. Other notable elements include:

- The chimneys of red brick with splayed cap moulds and terra cotta pots.
- The elaborate fret brackets to the window hoods.
- The detail of the gable end with its pressed metal cornices at two levels, the frame in the peak and the diagonal pressed metal infill in the lower section.
- The barge boards are also shaped at the intersection of the frame and at the gutter line where they swell to contain a circular boss.

### **How is it significant?**

The former Bank of Australasia at 19 Falls Road, Fish Creek is of local historic and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

### **Why is it significant?**

Historically, it is one of the oldest extant commercial buildings in Fish Creek and one of two former Bank of Australasia branches in the Shire. It demonstrates the significant role played by the bank in the early development of Fish Creek as an important local commercial centre. (AHC criteria - A.4, B.2 and D.2) Aesthetically, it is a substantially intact example of Federation bank that can be compared with the former Bank of Australasia at Stony Creek. It makes an important contribution to the historic character of Falls Road. (AHC criterion - E.1)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004; |
| Construction dates        | 1910, 1910, 1910,   |
| Architect/Designer        | Henderson, A & K, Henderson, Anketell, A & K Henderson,                                   |
| Other Names               | -,  |
| Hermes Number             | 30575   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## **Physical Description 1**

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