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## BANK OF VICTORIA (FORMER)



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Residence at rear



North side elevation



North side doorway



Residential entrance on south side

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### Location

35 STANLEY STREET, TOORA, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO154

### Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Bank of Victoria, constructed in 1906 by James Abel and Norman R. Stockdale, at 35 Stanley Street, Toora is significant. It is a flat fronted rectangular late Victorian building in classical mode. It has a weatherboard wall body with a wide timber blocking course, a prominent timber cornice and level parapet, which is continued down the sides in plain weatherboard and hides the gabled corrugated iron roof at the front. An added hipped section at the rear contains the residence, which has a recessed entry with cast iron frieze at the south side. The facade contains four equally spaced arched openings. The door is the second from the north and is wider, with an arched highlight and a pair of panel doors. The three other openings have double hung windows with arched head sashes. The original architraves appear to have been removed. The building has symmetrically placed external brick chimneys with stepped flues and corbelled caps at each end. Internally, the layout has been changed but the strongroom remains and some bossed door architraves and fireplace surrounds express something of its original character.

Non-original alterations and additions to the building, including the pediment at the top of the facade, are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The former Bank of Victoria is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the town of Toora.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, it is one of the oldest banks in the Shire and demonstrates the development of Toora as an important local commercial centre in the period following the establishment of the Butter Factory. (Criteria A & D)

Aesthetically, it is a late example of Victorian classical design in timber construction that contributes to the historic character of Stanley Street.(Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - Amendment C92 Heritage Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2014; South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1906,
Hermes Number	31018
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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Apart from the apparent removal of some detailing the building is very intact.

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