
ANZ Bank (former London Chartered Bank), 86 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 169a - ANZ Bank (former London Chartered Bank)



SD 169b - c.1920 Photograph showing original verandah decoration. State Library of Victoria.

Location

86 Napier Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 18, 2004

The ANZ Bank building, 86 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the Victorian and Federation streetscape. This building was constructed in 1889 for the London Chartered Bank to a Domestic Gothic design by the Melbourne architectural firm of Oakden, Addison and Kemp. In 1921, the London Chartered Bank amalgamated with the ES & A Bank, and in 1970 it became the ANZ Bank, with this building becoming a branch of the ANZ Bank in 1988. The building is in good condition and apart from the verandah and balcony is relatively intact.

The ANZ Bank building is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates design qualities of an unusual Victorian Domestic Gothic style. These qualities include the symmetrical two storey composition, face red brick wall construction, hipped roof form clad in slate tiles, hipped balcony roof form, pointed central ground floor doorway with projecting drip mould and transom, two pairs of single, timber framed double hung windows having elliptical (almost pointed) arches and striking rendered voussoirs, white rendered stringcourses at sill and window head levels, projecting ground floor pilaster door surrounds, brick plinths, timber framed and glazed, double first floor door openings with transom lights, unpainted red brick chimneys with corbelled cream brick tops, narrow eaves and the terracotta ridge decoration on the roof.

The ANZ Bank building is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the London Chartered Bank in St. Arnaud from 1889, and with the ES & A Bank from 1921. In 1970, this bank merged to become the ANZ bank, which occupied this building from 1988. This building also has associations with the Melbourne architectural firm of Oakden, Addison and Kemp.

The ANZ Bank building is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by the St. Arnaud community as having public value as a financial institution in the town.

Overall, the ANZ Bank building is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
Other Names	London Chartered Bank,
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Physical Description 1

The ANZ Bank building, 86 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the Victorian and Federation streetscape.

The symmetrical, two storey, face red brick, Victorian Domestic Gothic styled building is characterised by a hipped roof form clad in slate, and a two storey hipped verandah and balcony with introduced curving steel brackets and geometrical diamond balustrades. The Gothic nature of the design is highlighted by the original, pointed central doorway with projecting drip mould. The double, glazed doors appear to be introduced, although the transom above may be early. Flanking the doorway are two pairs of single, timber framed double hung windows having elliptical (almost pointed) arches and striking, rendered voussoirs. The ground floor is also characterised by the white rendered stringcourses at sill and window head levels, projecting pilaster door surrounds and the brick plinths. The first floor has early timber framed and glazed, double door openings with transom lights. Other early decorative features of the design include the unpainted red brick chimneys with corbelled cream brick tops, narrow eaves and the terracotta ridge decoration on the roof.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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