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# MAC'S GLENTHOMPSON HOTEL



23394 Mac s Hotel Station St  
Glenthompson 1062



23394 Mac s Hotel Station St  
Glenthompson 1063



23394 Mac s Hotel Station St  
Glenthompson rear 1097



23394 Mac s Hotel Station St  
Glenthompson rear 1098



23394 Mac s Hotel Station St  
Glenthompson side 1069

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## Location

14-18 Station Street, GLENTHOMPSON VIC 3293 - Property No 0005

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Mac's Hotel is located on the north side of Station Street between Bell and McLennan Streets in the centre of the township of Glenthompson. The hotel has been at the hub of Glenthompson since it was built by John McLennan in the 1870s. The facade of the hotel clearly dates from the 1920s, although there are much older structures behind the facade. The hotel presents as a single storey symmetrical red brick building, built to the property line with a hipped main roof with terra cotta tiles and three decorative half timbered gables. The interiors have been altered by the removal of some internal walls and minor details. Ceilings, joinery and other decorative details do survive. Service rooms which have been altered exist at the rear including two much older wings, one timber in the centre and one brick on the eastern boundary. It is possible that the hotel was designed by a Ballarat architect, T. E. Molloy, who was associated with the Ballarat Brewing Company. The hotel survives in fair condition, and retains a high degree of integrity to the 1920s front wing, and a fair degree of integrity to older sections at rear.

How is it significant?

Mac's Hotel is of historical, architectural and social significance to the township of Glenthompson and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Mac's Glenthompson Hotel is of historical significance as a demonstration of how those businesses which were located close to the rail line were able to monopolize the trade and workers associated with the railway in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The hotel is of further historical significance for its association with John McLennan, possibly the most important figure in the history of early Glenthompson, and for its association with the McLennan family over many decades. It is an important remnant of an earlier, more prosperous period in the history of the township of Glenthompson, reflected in its location adjacent to the railway. Mac's Hotel is of architectural significance as an example of an intact 1920s facade on a hotel. It is of social significance for its continuing role in the provision of accommodation, food and other services to the travelling public over more than 130 years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1920,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23394
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The building is in fair condition.

## Physical Description 1

A single storey symmetrical red brick building, built to the property line with a hipped main roof and three decorative gables. The gables are half timbered. All roofs are tiled with terracotta tiles and terra cotta shingles are used in a decorative bay incorporating a very small window in the middle gable. All the facade windows are fixed with hopper fanlights above. There are two main entrances, both of which are ledge and brace double doors. These open directly into the building without lobbies. The interiors have been altered by the removal of some internal walls and minor details. Ceilings, joinery and other decorative details do survive. Service rooms exist at the rear including two much older wings, one timber in the centre and one brick on the eastern boundary. These have been much altered. Other facilities, such as the toilets have been introduced behind the front wing.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.22 Lodging people

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Hotel

## **Integrity**

High degree of integrity to the 1920s front wing. Fair degree of integrity to older sections at rear.

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