
Savings Bank, later State Savings Bank



231 Victoria Street



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Location

231 Victoria Street, ABBOTSFORD VIC 3067 - Property No 104045

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO53

Heritage Listing

Yarra City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

The following wording is from the Allom and Lovell Building Citation, 1998 for the property. Please note that this is a "Building Citation", not a "Statement of Significance". For further information refer to the Building Citation held by the City of Yarra.

History:

In 1883 James Moore of the Melbourne Savings Bank purchased 60 ft of vacant land on the north-east corner of Victoria and Hoddle Streets from Saul and Louis Solomon. In 1884 there was land and foundations with James Moore listed as owner. The Melbourne Savings Bank was completed by the following year, and the branch opened on 16 February.

Description:

The former State Savings Bank occupies a corner site at the intersection of Hoddle and Victoria Streets, Abbotsford. The double-storey building is of rendered masonry construction, designed in an Italianate style. The corners of the building project slightly, and the two storeys are divided by a rendered moulded cornice. Windows at ground floor are semi-circular arched double-hung sashes with rendered archivolts and vermiculated keystones. The walls are rusticated above impost level, which is defined by a moulded string course. The first floor is articulated with engaged Ionic columns and pilasters, between which are rectangular double-hung sash windows with moulded architraves. The first floor cornice is dentillated, and is surmounted by a plain parapet.

Significance:

The former State Savings Bank at 231 Victoria Street, Abbotsford is of local architectural significance and historical interest. The building is a good example of the Italianate palazzo style, typical of bank premises in the late 19th century. The building is a notable element in the streetscape, occupying a prominent corner site at the intersection of Hoddle and Victoria Streets. The building's association with architect George Wharton, who designed other buildings for the Melbourne Savings Bank, is of interest.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1989; Yarra - City of Collingwood Conservation Study, Andrew Ward & Associates, 1995; Yarra - City of Yarra Heritage Review, Allom Lovell & Associates, 1998; Yarra - City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2007;
Construction dates	1884,
Hermes Number	103727
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Integrity

not assessed

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