
'Hermitage', 98 Main Street, GREAT WESTERN



GW 27 - Shire of Northern
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

98 Main Street GREAT WESTERN, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Hermitage (former general store) building, 98 Main Street (Western Highway), Great Western, contributes to the significant, single storey, pitched roof central township area. This building appears to have been constructed for Emmanuel Salinger in 1862. A merchant, Salinger was a member of one of the original vine growing families in Great Western.

The Hermitage (former general store) building, 98 Main Street (Western Highway), is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the dominant parapet, adorned with a pediment with flanking scrolls, with terminating projecting and chamfered piers supported by decorative consoles (with vertically proportioned incised panels below), dentillated cornice, and large incised rectangular title panel. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height,

unpainted brick wall construction, skillion verandah, square timber verandah columns, decorative cast iron verandah valances and brackets, timber framed double hung windows, timber framed shopfront with central ingo and panelled timber and glazed door, and rendered base walls.

The Hermitage (former general store) building, 98 Main Street (Western Highway), is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the first land sales in Great Western in 1859, and particularly with Emmanuel Salinger, merchant and member of one of the original vine growing families in the area, from 1862.

The Hermitage (former general store) building, 98 Main Street (Western Highway), is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Great Western community as an historic building with commercial associations.

Overall, the Hermitage (former general store) building, 98 Main Street (Western Highway), is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Hermitage (former general store) building, 98 Main Street (Western Highway), Great Western, makes a significant architectural contribution to the single storey, pitched roof central commercial township area. This building dominates its site, forming the front and site boundaries to the corner allotment. A more recent, mock Victorian addition is situated to the east and has a small front setback.

The single storey, unpainted brick, Victorian styled building is characterised by a dominant parapet, adorned with a pediment with flanking scrolls. The parapet terminates with projecting and chamfered piers (that are missing their urns) supported by decorative consoles with vertically proportioned incised panels below. The upper reaches of the parapet also have a dentillated cornice, below which is a large incised rectangular title panel.

An early skillion verandah projects towards the front, over the brick footpath. It is supported by square timber columns with decorative cast iron valances and brackets. Under the verandah, the building is comprised of two parts. The eastern section has two early, single, timber framed double hung windows, masonry sills and unpainted brick wall construction. The western section has an early timber framed shopfront, with central ingo and early panelled timber and glazed door. The base walls appear to have been rendered, with the outer western edge of the building having been painted.

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