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# Former Bank of Victoria, 40 Kings Avenue, ST ARNAUD



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## Location

40 Kings Avenue ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Bank of Victoria, 40 Kings Avenue, St. Arnaud, has significance as one of the early bank buildings in the town. It was constructed in 1869 to a design by Smith and Watts, although the Bank soon moved to another premises in the ensuing years as a result of the advancement of the town further northwards.

The former Bank of Victoria building is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Regency style. These qualities include the hipped roof form clad in slate tiles, brick (but not painted) wall construction, substantial rendered brick chimney with a projecting cornice, modest

overhangs with intricate brackets, symmetrical windows and central recessed front door - all with drip moulds and moulded architraves that rest on the dressed granite plinth, base window walls with incised rectangular panels, timber framed double hung windows, door surrounds and highlights, and the imposing rendered quoinwork at the building corners.

The former Bank of Victoria is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the earliest bank developments in the earlier central location of the St. Arnaud township. In particular, it is associated with the development of the Bank of Victoria from 1869 until it moved to new premises following the advancement of the town further northwards in the latter 19th century. The building is also associated with the architects, Smith and Watts.

The former Bank of Victoria is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by the St. Arnaud community as having public value as one of the early bank buildings in the town.

Overall, the former Bank of Victoria 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;
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## Physical Description 1

The single storey, modestly scaled, Victorian Regency styled former Bank of Victoria building at 40 Kings Avenue, St. Arnaud, abuts the street boundary. There is a small, recent and unkept garden forming the corner of the site.

This building is characterised by a hipped roof form clad in early slate tiles. A substantial, rendered brick chimney with a projecting cornice adorns the roofline at one end, while modest overhangs with intricate brackets are features of the eaves. Another distinctive feature are the symmetrical windows and central recessed front door, with drip moulds and moulded architraves that rest on the dressed granite plinth, and base walls under the windows having incised rectangular panels. Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows, door surrounds and highlights, and the imposing rendered quoinwork at the building corners.

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