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Location

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Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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Apart from the introduced cantilever verandah, the former Giles Hardware building, Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape. This building was constructed during the interwar period (1920s-1940s) for Giles Hardware, having replaced an earlier single storey timber building opened in 1871 by Alfred Giles.

The former Giles Hardware building is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Apart from the cantilever verandah, it demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary interwar commercial style. These qualities include the dominant rendered parapet, with multi-corbelled projecting piers (forming a narrow bay at one end

and the termination of the larger bay at the other end), chamfered pilasters crowned with simple orbs, shallow segmentally arched pediment with a rudimentary capping, heavily moulded and projecting stringcourse that punctuates the piers and pilasters, lower pointed ends to the piers, and the rounded consoles ends to the pilasters. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the row of segmentally arched, six paned and timber framed windows that form highlights for the shop interiors, three early metal framed shopfront bays with dark green glazed tile surrounds, timber and glazed doors and ingoes and leadlight highlights (having a typical interwar geometric pattern).

The former Giles Hardware building is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with Alfred Giles who operated a hardware store on the site for the latter part of the nineteenth century and until the late 1920s.

The former Giles Hardware building is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by the St. Arnaud community as having public value as one of the early 20th century commercial buildings in the town, having initially been established in an earlier building on the site by Alfred Giles.

Overall, the former Giles Hardware 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;
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Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Although altered with an introduced cantilever verandah, the former Giles Hardware building, Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape.

The asymmetrical, one and a half storey, rudimentary interwar commercial styled building is characterised by a dominant rendered parapet, with multi-corbelled projecting piers (forming a narrow bay at one end and the termination of the larger bay at the other end). These piers are adorned with elongated stop chamfered pilasters crowned with simple orbs. Similar pilasters also form a central bay (as part of a larger bayed section) and are crowned by a shallow segmentally arched pediment. The parapet itself has a rudimentary capping. The piers and pilasters of the parapet are punctuated by a heavily moulded and projecting stringcourse, below which the piers terminate with pointed ends and the pilasters with rounded consoles.

Immediately above the introduced cantilever verandah is a row of segmentally arched, six paned and timber framed windows that form highlights for the shop interiors. Below the verandah are three early metal framed shopfront bays with dark green glazed tile surrounds, timber and glazed doors and ingoes and early leadlight highlights having a typical interwar geometric pattern.

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