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Location

111 Napier Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 18, 2004

The former London House store, 111 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape. This building was originally constructed in 1874 for a Miss Creamer as a clothing store. It served as a haberdashery and tea rooms until at least 1900, when the then owners, Ettie and Alice Andrews removed to new premises. The building has significance as it serves as a legacy of the 19th century commercial developments in St. Arnaud. It was during the interwar period when the Victorian design of the building was altered.

The former London House store is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although altered, it demonstrates original design qualities of both Victorian and interwar commercial styles. These qualities include the brick parapet with projecting piers at its ends and a shallow segmental pediment at its centre, projecting brick parapet capping, large incised rectangular signage panel, incised narrow vertical pier panels. Although the ground floor construction represents later work of the interwar period is also appropriate, given the number of interwar shopfronts in St. Arnaud. These interwar qualities include the location of the verandah (and the galvanised corrugated iron cladding), metal framed shopfront windows, ingo, timber and glazed door, metal framed highlights and the glazed tile surrounds.

The former London House store is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the establishment of a clothing and haberdashery store and tea rooms from 1874, originally occupied by a Miss Creamer, (and later by William Otway, and Ettie and Alice Andrews until c.1900), until the late 20th century.

The former London House store is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by the St. Arnaud community as having public value as one of the surviving 19th century commercial (and later 20th century) clothing stores in the town.

Overall, the former London House store 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;
Other Names	London House,
Hermes Number	111692
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former London House building, 111 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape.

The single storey, brick (with introduced render over), eclectic Victorian and interwar commercial styled building is characterised by a simple geometric, interwar parapet with projecting piers at its ends and a shallow segmental pediment at its centre - the whole accentuated by a projecting brick capping. A large incised rectangular signage panel forms a simple feature of the lower reaches of the parapet, with the piers also feature incised narrow vertical panels.

An introduced bullnosed verandah (clad in galvanised corrugated iron) projects over the main pedestrian thoroughfare. It is supported by recent square timber columns.

The interwar ground floor shopfront (that has replaced an original Victorian timber shopfront) is characterised by metal framed shopfront windows, ingo and timber and glazed door. Above the shopfront are metal framed highlights. Another feature of the ground floor is the glazed tile surrounds.

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