
Kell & Son Funeral Directors building, 134-136 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 188 - Building - 'Kell and
Son Funeral Directors', 136
Napier Street, ST ARNAUD

Location

134-136 Napier Street ST ARNAUD, 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 'Kell and Son Funeral Directors' building, 134-136 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, contributes to the Victorian and Federation styled commercial streetscape. Constructed in 1910 for the undertaker, W.L. Kell, the Federation styled two storey building has been substantially altered in later years, although the distinctive and significant form and roof detailing is still extant.

The 'Kell and Son Funeral Directors' building, 134-136 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although extensively altered, it demonstrates some original design qualities of a Federation style. These qualities include the hipped roof form with wide eaves overhangs supported by distinctive, early curving

timber brackets. Other intact qualities include the galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, brick construction (but not the painted finish), recessed shallow bays punctuated by projecting brick piers, timber framed double hung first floor windows and the brick chimney.

The 'Kell and Son Funeral Directors' building, 134-136 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the establishment of an undertaking business in St. Arnaud by William Kell in the 1860s. The business continues to be run by members of the Kell family, a connection that spans five generations.

Overall, the 'Kell and Son Funeral Directors' building, 134-136 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, 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 site at 134-136 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, is dominated by the two storey 'Kell and Son Funeral Directors' building, which contributes to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape.

The two storey brick, late Federation styled building is characterised by a hipped roof form with wide eaves overhangs supported by distinctive, early curving timber brackets. The roof is also clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Composed of three recessed shallow bays along the Napier Street facade, the two floor levels of the building are punctuated by simple projecting brick piers. Each bay has an early timber framed double hung window. Another recessed bay is identified on the Mill Street facade, as are two early timber framed double hung windows above which is a skillion parapet. An early painted brick chimney also adorns the roofline to the south, and forms part of a gabled parapet on the south wall.

The ground floor walls have been substantially altered. An original two storey verandah has been removed. Recent brick infill and aluminium framed windows and doors are identified on the Napier Street facade, with recent doors also discernible on the side elevation. Rear parapetted and hipped roof additions and a skillion verandah further characterise the Mills Street facade.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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