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# PENSHURST MOTORS



23336 Penshurst Motors 106  
Bell St 0815



23336 Penshurst Motors 106  
Bell St east 0816



23336 Penshurst Motors 106  
Bell St west 0817

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## Location

106 Bell Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0035

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Penshurst Motors is located on the north side of Bell Street between Burchett and Martin Streets in the centre of the township of Penshurst. The structure is comprised of large stone buildings with which appear to date from the 1860s, which are now much altered at the front, probably as late as the 1960s. The buildings have newer corrugated iron roofs. The facade of Penshurst Motors is in two parts. The western section is a display room with a symmetrical arrangement about a double-leaved glazed door, slightly recessed, with plate glass windows on either side. The building was first used to house Harry Olle's general merchant store, and later was used by others as a store. The building has been associated with transport from very early also, possibly being the stopping point for the Hamilton - Hexham postal service since the 1860s. There has been no architect or builder identified as being associated with the buildings. The buildings have been substantially altered, but are in good condition with a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant? Peshurst Motors is of historical and architectural significance to the southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Peshurst.

Why is it significant?

Peshurst Motors is of historical significance for its demonstration of the sequence of development and adaptation on the site which has been associated with road transport from the mid-nineteenth century. It is of further historical significance for its association with the important and successful Olle family, who were involved in commercial enterprise in Peshurst from the earliest times of the township.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1860,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	OLLE'S GENERAL STORE, HILL'S MOTOR GARAGE,
Hermes Number	23336
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

The buildings are in a sound condition structurally but only fair condition overall.

## Physical Description 1

The building which houses Peshurst Motors consists of large stone buildings with which appear to date from the 1860s (but may be later) and which are now much altered at the front, probably as late as the 1960s. The buildings have newer corrugated iron roofs. The facade of Peshurst Motors is in two parts. The western section is a display room with a symmetrical arrangement about a double-leaved glazed door, slightly recessed, with plate glass windows on either side. The windows may date from an earlier period. The eastern section includes three large openings two of which are glazed and one of which acts as the entrance to the work shop. One parapet unites the facade but is centred over the workshop rather than the display room. There is a single petrol pump in the street at the gutter line. The side walls are of limewashed rock faced bluestone laid in 12" courses and pointed on the west side. The western wall has two window openings which are finely dressed with chiselled edges but with modern double hung sash windows. An office with service counter divides the display area from the workshop. The main workshop is a large open space under a timber trussed roof. Faded advertisements for Ampol painted onto the bluestone survive on the east and west walls.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8 Moving goods and people on land

3.8.8 Getting fuel to engines

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.19 Marketing and Retailing

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.4 Eating and drinking

- 8.12 Living in and around Australian homes
- 8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Service station

## **Integrity**

Exteriors retain a fair degree of integrity, other than the facade which has been significantly altered.

## **Physical Description 2**

T. Adamson  
Saunders Mail Coaches  
Harry Olle  
John & Julia Cooke  
Tom Hill  
William French  
Ray Schramm

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