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# Former London Chartered Bank of Australia



B0908 Former E S & A  
Bank

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## Location

Main Street,, BEEAC VIC 3251 - Property No B0908

## Municipality

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

## Level of significance

Local

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 11, 2005

The former London Chartered Bank at Ondit, now Beeac, was erected in 1888 to conservative classical designs by Colac architect Alexander Hamilton. Built of cement rendered brick on a dressed bluestone plinth, this small country bank is imposingly ornamented with moulded architraves, balustraded parapet and central door and pedimented entablature. A large residence is located at the rear of the banking chambers.

The former London Chartered Bank reflects the prosperity of this rich grazing and pastoral district in the late 19th century. It is a noted work of Alexander Hamilton, a self trained architect and former Scottish millwright, and is in a conservative classical style characteristic of his practice. The bank is appropriately monumental in scale with an impressive facade to the wide Main Street of Beeac.

The former London Chartered Bank of Australia, and more latterly the E.S. & A. Bank is maintained in reasonable condition and is essentially intact.

The facade has been inappropriately painted.  
Classified: 09/07/1959

Revised: 03/08/1998

Other Names      Former E.S. & A. Bank, A.N.Z. Bank,

Hermes Number   67746

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