
A J Thomas' Motor Garage

Location

102 Manifold Street and Cnr Cressy Road,, CAMPERDOWN VIC 3260 - Property No B6905

Municipality

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1383

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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A J Thomas' Motor Garage, developed in stages between 1908 and 1936, probably designed by W P Knights, is of historical and architectural importance at the State level.

A J Thomas' is historically important as a substantially intact, purpose-built motor garage from the inter-war period, when automobile ownership and recreational car touring were increasing. Its exuberant architecture celebrated the growing prominence of the car in society, and helped to draw the attention of passing motor traffic on the busy Princes Highway. It is also one of the largest early garages in Victoria.

Architecturally, the garage is significant as one of the most architecturally pretentious motor garages to survive, combining a classically inspired large arched and pedimented entry, with a Mediterranean style corner tower, complete with overhanging tiled roof. The corner tower, which was a common feature in inter-war garages in the United States, is a rare example of its use in local designs. Its sheltered drive-through corner is also a rare survivor of the type. The retention of the signs and other original details, both internally and externally, enhance the buildings significance. The garage is a prominent landmark amongst the commercial architecture of Mainfold Street, and on the Princes Highway in Western Victoria generally.

Classified: 07/09/1998

Other Names Beaton & Sons, C & F Motors, P J Regan Motor Garage,

Hermes Number 67837

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