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# General Store, 93-95 Main Street, GREAT WESTERN



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## Location

93-95 Main Street GREAT WESTERN, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The General Store, 93-95 Main Street (Western Highway), Great Western, contributes to the significant, single storey, pitched roof central township area. This building is believed to have been constructed for a Mr. Simpson around 1914, with the post office attached. It replaced an earlier timber store dating from c.1862 that had been built for John Cornforth who, as well as being a shopkeeper, was also a local farrier.

The General Store, 93-95 Main Street (Western Highway), is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities for an early 20th century commercial building. These qualities include the rudimentary parapet capped by two courses of projecting bricks, and the brick wall construction (but possibly not the overpainting). Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, timber framed double hung windows and door frame, chamfered building corner, and the form and location of the return skillion

verandah. The General Store and site, 93-95 Main Street (Western Highway), is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The site is associated with the first land sales in Great Western, with this site having been sold to John Cornforth in 1859, who established a timber store there in c.1862. The present building has associations with a Mr. Simpson, who had this building constructed in c.1914.

The General Store and site, 93-95 Main Street (Western Highway), is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Great Western community as an historic site. Overall, the General Store, 93-95 Main Street (Western Highway), is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The General Store, 93-95 Main Street (Western Highway), Great Western, makes a significant architectural contribution to the single storey, pitched roof, central commercial township area. This building is set on a corner allotment, with the building dominating the site, being located along the front and side boundaries.

The single storey, painted brick, early 20th century general store building is characterised by a rudimentary parapet capped by two courses of projecting bricks. The corner site is accentuated by the chamfered edge, which contains an early timber framed shop doorway, but possibly with a more recent timber and glazed door. Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows. The return skillion verandah appears to be a recent addition, possibly replacing an earlier verandah.

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