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# Great Western Hotel (former Shakespeare Hotel), 97-101 Main Street, GREAT WESTERN



GW 25 - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, 2004



GW 25 1 - Undated photograph, Hans Irvine in the hotel cellars, Stawell Historical Society Collection - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, 2004



GW 25 2 - Undated photograph, Stawell Historical Society Collection - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, 2004

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## Location

97-101 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 Great Western Hotel, 97-101 Main Street (Western Highway), Great Western, contributes to the significant, single storey, pitched roof central township area. Originally known as the Shakespeare Hotel, this building has significance as a relatively externally intact example of the interwar Californian Bungalow style. It was built in 1930 for Parkhurst Bowtrell, replacing an earlier hotel building constructed in the 1860s. The site of the hotel was

also originally owned by John Hatch, who had established the "Five Flag General Store" in 1859.

The Great Western Hotel is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of an interwar Californian Bungalow style. These qualities include the recessed hipped and gabled roof forms, together with the two symmetrically composed gable roofs that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, symmetrical composition, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding overpainted green, rendered rammed concrete chimneys with terra cotta pots, rendered rammed concrete wall construction, wide overhangs with exposed timber rafters, timber framed window and door openings, central flat roofed timber pergola, paired square and fluted squat verandah columns supported on rendered rammed concrete piers, and the gable infill (rendered panelling and battening, shingling, ventilators and brackets).

The Great Western Hotel and site 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 Hatch in 1859, who established the "Five Flags General Store". From the 1860s the site has associations with the original timber Shakespeare Hotel. The Great Western Hotel building has associations with the site from 1930, after it replaced the timber hotel building. The present building was first known as the Shakespeare Hotel and was not renamed "Great Western" until the late 1960s.

The Great Western Hotel is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the Great Western community as an historic site and as an important recreational meeting place.

Overall, the Great Western Hotel, 97-101 Main Street (Western Highway), Great Western, is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The Great Western Hotel, 97-101 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, symmetrical, rendered rammed concrete, interwar Californian Bungalow styled hotel building is characterised by recessed hipped and gabled roof forms, together with two symmetrically composed gable roofs that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron, overpainted green. Early rendered rammed concrete chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs and exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves. The early window and door openings under the verandah appear to be early. An early flat roofed timber pergola is centrally located between the projecting gables.

Early decorative features of the design include the paired, square and fluted squat verandah columns supported on rendered rammed concrete piers, and the gable infill (rendered panelling and battening, shingling, ventilators and brackets).

Appropriate signage is identified on the timber fascia of the central pergola. However, the other roofline and projecting signage does not complement the design of the building.

Fronting Main Street outside the hotel under the verandah, is an concrete Bills horse trough.

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