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Location

16 Kings Avenue ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The brick and stone building at 16 Kings Avenue, St. Arnaud, was constructed in c.1860 by the storekeeper Samuel Joseph Edelston, a storekeeper from Liverpool who erected it as a store and residence a few years after arriving at the New Bendigo goldfields in 1855. The extant building today retains the original Victorian vernacular form and rough hewn sandstone side wall construction, with a front parapetted brick facade.

Although somewhat altered, the building at 16 Kings Avenue is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian vernacular commercial style. These qualities include the hipped roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron, with the rough hewn sandstone wall construction at the side. Other intact or early qualities include the parapetted brick front facade that is terminated at the sides by brick piers crowned by orbs, incised rectangular parapet panel, broadly projecting hipped roof clad in galvanised corrugated iron, window and door openings along the front facade, rendered window sills, timber and glazed

double doors, and the altered brick chimney.

The building at 16 Kings Avenue is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with early commercial developments in St. Arnaud in the 19th century and more particularly with Samuel Joseph Edelston, a storekeeper from Liverpool who erected this building as a store in c.1860, a few years after arriving at the New Bendigo goldfields in 1855. Members of his family continued to run the store for almost 100 years.

The building at 16 Kings Avenue is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The rough hewn sandstone wall construction represents the best remaining example of this type of 19th century construction in St. Arnaud.

The building at 16 Kings Avenue is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community as one of the earliest commercial buildings in the town.

Overall, the building at 16 Kings Avenue, St. Arnaud, is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

The former Edelston's store at the corner of Kings Avenue and Wills Street is situated directly on the front and side boundaries. There is a grassed nature strip along Wills Street.

The single storey, rough hewn sandstone, Victorian vernacular store building with painted brick front is characterised by a simple hipped roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron, which is obscured at the front by the simple rectangular brick parapet that is terminated at the sides by brick piers crowned by orbs. This parapet has an early incised rectangular panel. There is a broadly projecting hipped roof galvanised corrugated iron (painted in recent white and green stripes) verandah at the front, supported by recent round hollow steel posts. The windows and door openings along the front facade appear to be early, as are the rendered window sills. While the timber and glazed double doors appear to be early, the windows may have been introduced. Alterations have also been carried out to the painted brick chimney which adorns the roofline.

Unpainted brick extensions at the side and rear have been introduced.

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