
St. Arnaud Hotel, 20 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 138a - St. Arnaud Hotel,
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SD 138b - Undated
photograph from St. Arnaud,
A Pictorial Journey.



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Location

20 Napier Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The St. Arnaud Hotel, 20 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, has significance as a local and long-standing landmark in the town. Although greatly altered, the extant building retains its original 1876 form and parts of its rear single storey wing, and has a rudimentary interwar Art Deco main facade.

The St. Arnaud Hotel is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although greatly altered, it still demonstrates some original and early design qualities associated with its initial Victorian design and its later rudimentary interwar Art Deco alterations. The Victorian qualities include the general two storey form, brick construction (but not the rendered finish), chimneys with corbelled tops, as well as the window openings on the first floor, and the rear single storey gabled wing with galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, and window and door openings. The rudimentary interwar Art Deco qualities include the plain front parapet with its projecting

cornice and a central stepped bay, rendered wall finish, steel framed first floor windows, and the portico and balcony at one end (with its distinctive Art Deco curved corner with vertically oriented parallel line motifs).

The St. Arnaud Hotel is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The hotel is the oldest operating hotel in St. Arnaud and has associations with the first land sales, the commencement of local government in St. Arnaud and early town life.

The St. Arnaud Hotel is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community as a local meeting place for social interaction. Overall, the St. Arnaud Hotel is of **LOCAL** significance.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; |
| Hermes Number | 111537 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The site at 20 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, is dominated by the two storey St. Arnaud Hotel, which makes an important architectural and visual contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape. The hotel forms a landmark along the southern end of the main street of the town.

The two storey, rendered brick, Victorian and interwar rudimentary Art Deco styled building is characterised by a plain parapet with a projecting cornice and a central stepped bay. Below parapet level are first floor windows, the openings of which are representative of the 1876 construction although the steel framed windows have been introduced, possibly in the 1930s, as has the Art Deco portico and balcony at one end (with its distinctive Art Deco curved corner with vertically oriented parallel line motifs). The ground floor has been greatly altered, with the aluminium framed windows, doors and unpainted brick base walls all having been introduced. However, the rendered brick chimneys with corbelled tops are original and of a Victorian design.

At the rear is the remnants of the 1876 single storey gabled wing, with lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding. A length of brick wall (although rendered) is still extant, although the original gable roof has been substantially reduced. The window and door openings also appear to be original, although the actual windows and doors have been introduced. The walls have also had unpainted brick base walls introduced.

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