
Former Colonial Bank, 62 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 156a - Former Colonial Bank, 62 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 156b - Undated photograph from St. Arnaud, A Pictorial Journey.

Location

62 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

Last updated on - August 18, 2004

The former Colonial Bank, 62 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape. This building represents a legacy of the financial institutions established in the town during the 19th century. More particularly, the former Colonial Bank building was erected in 1879 to a design by George Jobbins, architect who designed numerous Colonial Bank buildings in Victoria between 1875 and 1884. This building became known as the National Bank in 1918, and it closed as a bank in c.1985-86. The building has remained substantially intact, apart from some introduced cladding over the original ground floor entablature and cornice, and the introduction of an inappropriate aluminium framed door.

The former Colonial Bank building is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Renaissance Revival style. These qualities include the two storey, four bayed composition

of two distinctive ground and first floor wall planes that are surmounted by a projecting stringcourse and parapet. Other intact qualities include the rendered brick wall construction; pilasters with incised rectangular panels at the ends of the wall planes; Doric ground floor pilasters; round arched ground floor window and door openings punctuated by keystones; timber framed, double hung windows; ground floor base walls with incised rectangular panels; first floor Ionic pilasters; and first floor drip moulds supported by elegant consoles.

The former Colonial Bank building is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the Colonial Bank on this site in St. Arnaud from 1876 until 1918. The building is further associated with the National Bank from 1918 until c.1985-86, and with the Colonial Bank architect, George Jobbins.

The former Colonial Bank building is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although no longer operating as a bank, the building is still recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community for its former purpose.

Overall, the former Colonial Bank building 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 Colonial Bank, 62 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes an important contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape. The building remains today as an important legacy of the financial institutions established in the town in the 19th century.

The two storey, rendered brick, Victorian Renaissance Revival former Colonial Bank building is characterised by a four bayed composition of the two distinctive ground and first floor wall planes which are surmounted by a projecting stringcourse and parapet. Flanking the ends of both floors are pilasters adorned with incised rectangular panels. The ground floor is identified by Doric pilasters that separated the three bays of windows and the single door opening. These openings have original round arches punctuated by keystones. The early timber framed, double hung windows are also supported by base walls with incised rectangular panels. The aluminium framed and glazed door is an inappropriate recent addition. Surmounting the ground floor is an inappropriate, introduced, projecting cladding strip over the original entablature and name panel covering the earlier lettering. The first floor features four window bays separated by Ionic pilasters. The original timber framed double hung window are surmounted by drip moulds supported by elegant consoles. From the street, a recent flue is visible at the side.

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