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# Manchester Arms Hotel, 87 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 170a - Manchester Arms Hotel, 87 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 170b - 1921 photograph from St. Arnaud, A Pictorial Journey, showing early verandah.

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## Location

87 Napier Street ST ARNAUD, 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 Manchester Arms Hotel, 87 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the local area. Constructed in 1907 to a Federation style, the building is predominantly intact externally, and has a later sympathetic addition along one end.

The Manchester Arms Hotel is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Federation style. These qualities include the crowning and simple rendered brick parapet with a projecting arched title panel on the chamfered corner that reads "Manchester Arms Hotel 1907". Other intact or

appropriate qualities include in the two storey height, unpainted brick wall construction, unpainted brick chimneys with rendered projecting tops, irregularly arranged single, timber framed double hung first floor windows, projecting cantilevered verandah that envelopes the street facades, arched ground windows with upper leadlighting near the chamfered corner, timber framed ground floor windows and doorways, timber and glazed doors, and the rendered dressings (window lintels and sills, and the first floor wall band).

The Manchester Arms Hotel is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. A hotel has been associated with the site since 1866 and known as the Manchester Arms since 1871. The hotel demonstrates the development of St. Arnaud from the 1860s into the early 1900s.

The Manchester Arms 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 Manchester Arms 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; |
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## Physical Description 1

The Manchester Arms Hotel, 87 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes an important architectural and visual contribution to the local area.

The two storey, unpainted brick, Federation styled hotel building is crowned by a simple rendered brick parapet with a projecting arched title panel on the chamfered corner that reads "Manchester Arms Hotel 1907". Projecting beyond the parapets are a number early unpainted brick chimneys with rendered projecting tops. The first floor is characterised by irregularly arranged single, timber framed double hung windows, with some windows introduced into larger windows with plain panels above.

A distinctive feature of the design is the projecting cantilevered verandah that envelopes the street facades. Below the verandah the ground floor elevation has arched windows with upper leadlighting near the chamfered corner. Apart from one additional window, all other windows and doors have flat heads and timber frames. The timber and glazed doors on the ground floor may have been introduced but are appropriate.

Early decorative features of the design include the rendered dressings, notably the window lintels and sills, and the first floor wall band.

Along one end of the hotel is a later unpainted brick addition of a design and detailing similar to the original building.

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