
Shops, 102-104 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



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Location

102-104 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 building at 102-104 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural contribution to the northern commercial section of Napier Street. The left-hand part of the building (shop Nos. 102a and 104) appears have been erected by the early 1890s and used as the 'Victoria Boot Depot' by J. Mahaffy while the right-hand part of the building (shop No. 102) may have been built as late as the inter-war period (1920s-1930s), with the earlier building being refaced and the shopfronts refitted to match. Overall the two buildings contain three (and possibly originally four) shops. The front exterior of the building appears to be reasonably intact. Long-term owners associated with the shops were the Kelly family, who were General Drapers and Outfitters, and the Halfhide family, who were Jewellers and Watchmakers.

The building at 102-104 Napier Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original or appropriate commercial design qualities for the interwar period (1920s-1930s). These qualities include the

dominant parapet with slightly projecting piers, central pediments, projecting concrete capping and projecting line of bricks, and large rectangular signage panels. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, rendered brick construction, painted galvanised corrugated iron bullnosed verandah, metal framed shopfront windows and ingoes with decorative leadlight highlights, metal framed projecting display window, early metal framed and glazed door, and decorative base wall tiles below the shopfront windows and to the floors of the ingoes. The architectural significance of this building relies on the retention and conservation of both buildings.

The building at 102-104 Napier Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commercial developments in St. Arnaud in the late 19th century and the interwar period of the 20th century. More particularly they are associated with long-term owners the Kelly family, who were General Drapers and Outfitters, and the Halfhide family, who were Jewellers and Watchmakers.

Overall, the building at 102-104 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, 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 | 111686 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The building at 102-104 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes an important architectural contribution to the northern section of the commercial streetscape.

The single storey, painted and rendered brick, commercial building is characterised by a dominant parapet with slightly projecting piers which divide and end the parapet to form two distinct sections, a central pediment to each section, and projecting concrete capping and projecting line of bricks along the complete length. A large rectangular signage panel takes up the bulk of the parapet within each section.

Projecting from the the lower reaches of the parapet is an early, painted galvanised corrugated iron bullnosed verandah supported by recent square metal posts. The timber fascia boards and canvas blind are also recent additions.

Other early features of the design include the metal framed shopfront windows and ingoes with decorative leadlight highlights. The metal framed and glazed shopfront door to shop number 102 appears to be early, as does the shallow projecting display window centrally located along the length of the shopfront facade, and the wall tiles that form a decorative feature along the base walls below the windows and on the floors of the ingoes.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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