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## Shop, 119 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 181 - Shop, 'Computer Country Care', 119 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD

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### Location

119 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 former Bray's Furniture Store, 119 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural contribution to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape. This building appears to have been construction in 1875 for William Bray, a local and long-time businessman. Extensions and alterations to the building appear to have been carried out in 1923.

The former Bray's Furniture Store is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian Free style. These qualities include the tall single storey composition, brick wall construction, and particularly the parapet with a central styled pediment decorated by flanking and crowning console motifs and an urn. Other intact qualities include the wide, moulded parapet stringcourse; two rectangular panels in the first floor walls; timber framed ground floor highlights; timber and glazed double doors; dark green

glazed shopfront tiles (to door height) and the projecting bullnosed verandah, clad in painted galvanised corrugated iron and supported by original fluted cast iron columns with decorative capitals and brackets. The adjacent lane way also contributes to the significance of the place.

The former Bray's Furniture Store is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with William Bray, local businessman who had emigrated from Cornwall, and his sons. William Bray was responsible for the construction of this building, which operated as a furniture store from c.1875. The building has also been associated with T. & T. Motors from the 1950s until recent years.

The former Bray's Furniture Store is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by the St. Arnaud community as one of the early commercial buildings in the town originally owned by the well-known Bray family.

Overall, the former Bray's Furniture Store is of **LOCAL** significance

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## Physical Description 1

The former Bray's Furniture store at 119 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes an important architectural contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape.

The symmetrical, single storey, painted brick, rudimentary Victorian Free Classical styled commercial building is particularly characterised by a distinctive parapet with a central styled pediment decorated by flanking and crowning console motifs and an urn. The parapet surmounts wide, moulded stringcourse, below which are two rectangular panels. The long horizontal band of timber framed windows is a more recent addition. The ground floor facade has early timber framed highlights and early timber and glazed double doors. The dark green glazed tiles to door height also appear early, although the large glazed shopfronts may be more recent. Another distinctive feature of the design is the projecting bullnosed verandah, clad in painted galvanised corrugated iron and supported by original fluted cast iron columns with decorative capitals and brackets.

The adjacent laneway also contributes to the significance of the former furniture store, as it forms an original part of the overall design scheme for the Bray's commercial buildings along this part of Napier Street.

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