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Location

124 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 building at 124 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape. This building has significance as a reasonably intact example of a commercial design constructed in the early 20th century.

Although it has experienced some alterations, the building at 124 Napier Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original or appropriate commercial design qualities for the early 20th century. These qualities include the dominant parapet having a central pediment flanked by unpainted brick piers with concrete cappings and rendered rectilinear dressings. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, unpainted and rendered brick wall construction, segmentally arched title panel in the central pedimented parapet, flanking lower pediments with rendered concrete cappings and stylised dentillations below which are regularly spaced vertically-proportioned rebates, unpainted brick piers of identical design and

construction as the central parapet piers, broadly projecting bullnosed verandah clad in striped painted galvanised corrugated iron, cast iron columns on shallow bluestone pedestals and decorated with capital moulds, unusual brackets with trefoil motifs and other unusual ornate ironwork, ground floor shopfront proportions, shopfront ingo and timber framed and glazed double doors.

The building at 124 Napier Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commercial developments in St. Arnaud in the early 20th century and more particularly with the Brain family who owned the adjacent two-storey building and purchased and altered the present building to become part of their commercial activities.

Overall, the building at 124 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, 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 Baker's shop, Napier Street, St. Arnaud, makes an important architectural and visual contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape.

The single storey, unpainted and rendered brick commercial building is characterised by a dominant parapet having a central pediment flanked by unpainted brick piers with concrete cappings and rendered rectilinear dressings. The central pediment has a segmentally arched title panel. Flanking the central pediment is a lower pediment with a rendered concrete capping and stylised dentillations below which are regularly spaced vertically-proportioned rebates. These flanking parapets are terminated by unpainted brick piers of identical design and construction as the central parapet piers.

Below the parapet is a broadly projecting bullnosed verandah clad in striped painted galvanised corrugated iron, which is a continuation of the verandah across the neighbouring Maurie McGrath Farm Machinery Store. The verandah is supported by early cast iron columns on shallow bluestone pedestals and decorated with capital moulds, unusual brackets with trefoil motifs and other unusual ornate ironwork.

The ground floor shopfront appears to have been altered, with more recent aluminium framed windows and glazed wall tiles. However, the shopfront ingo and timber framed and glazed double doors appear to be early.

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