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# Former St. Arnaud Produce Store, 135-137 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



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## Location

135-137 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 St. Arnaud Produce store, south-west corner of Napier and Mill Streets, St. Arnaud, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape. This largely intact building was constructed in the second half of the 19th century for Joseph Read, prominent grain Merchant and former Councillor of the St. Arnaud Borough Council.

The St. Arnaud Produce Store is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian style. These qualities include the double gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Other intact qualities include the Napier Street facade with its flat wall plane that terminates in a

multi corbelled parapet that has two curvilinear pediments obscuring the gable roof ends, central flat arched entrance and flanking arched window openings with timber framed, 12 paned double hung windows and fanlights, and the brick voussoirs.

The St. Arnaud Produce Store is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with Joseph Read, an early hotelier in St. Arnaud, local councillor for 28 years from 1885 to 1913 and Mayor on three occasions. He was a Water Trust Commissioner and treasurer of the Agricultural society for 33 years.

Overall, the St. Arnaud Produce Store 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 St. Arnaud Produce Store, south-west corner of Napier and Mills Streets, St. Arnaud, makes an important contribution to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly Victorian and Federation streetscape.

The single storey, brick (later overpainted) rudimentary Victorian styled building is characterised by a double gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron. The front section of the building is dominated by a flat wall plane that terminates in a multi corbelled parapet that has two curvilinear pediments that obscure the gable ends. The symmetry of the facade is denoted by the central flat arched entrance and flanked arched window openings with timber framed, 12 paned double hung windows with fanlights. The arched heads to the windows are highlighted by the brick voussoirs. The timber and glazed doors within the entrance appear to represent later construction.

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