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## Commercial Bank of Australia (former)



147 Upper Heidelberg Road



Commerical Bank of Australia

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### Location

147 Upper Heidelberg Road IVANHOE, BANYULE CITY

### Municipality

BANYULE CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO90

HO191

### Heritage Listing

Banyule City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Commercial Bank of Australia building at 145-147 Upper Heidelberg Road is significant.

How is it significant?

The former Commercial Bank of Australia building is of local aesthetic and historic significance to the City of Banyule.

Why is it significant?

The former Commercial Bank is a significant building within the Ivanhoe Shopping Centre Precinct (HO90).

The Neo Classical design of the former Commercial Bank of Australia is of local aesthetic significance. It was very likely designed by well-known architect Walter R. Butler, who designed a number of Commercial Banks during the early twentieth century. This connects the building architecturally and historically with a number of other significant former banks across Melbourne. The building is also an important corner element in the Upper Heidelberg Road commercial streetscape. (Criterion D)

The former Commercial Bank of Australia is of local historic significance for its contribution to the commercial life of Ivanhoe for an extended period across the twentieth century, and as a remnant of one of Victoria's leading financial institutions. (Criterion A, H)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Review, Context P/L, 2009; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985; Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1923,
Hermes Number	124128
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Ivanhoe Shopping Centre is a traditional shopping centre sited on one of the two earliest thoroughfares through Banyule and represents a range of commercial building from the 1915-1940 period.

The former Commercial Bank of Australia at Ivanhoe is of a Neo Classical style and remains a prominent corner feature of the Upper Heidelberg Road commercial streetscape.

The building has a balustraded parapet, heavy bracketed cornices and a minor pediment over the entrance. The red brickwork is banded at the corners to suggest quoining (Butler 1985). A further distinctive feature is the raised lettering embedded in the entablature above the ground level windows and doors reading, 'Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd'.

The integrity of the ground level facade has been compromised somewhat by the installation of large plate glass windows for shop displays.

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