
MADIGAN'S STORE



23324 Madigan s Store
Martin St Penshurst 1518



23324 Madigan s Store
Martin St Penshurst Bell St
side 0876



23324 Madigan s Store
Martin St Penshurst rear
0880



23324 Madigan s Store
Penshurst south side 0875

Location

Martin Street and Bell Street PENSHURST, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 14, 2003

What is significant?

Madigan's Store is a typical single storey bluestone general store designed in the Free Classical style. It is located at the very heart of the township of Penshurst, where two main transport routes, Martin and Bell Streets intersect. The facade of the store faces east to Martin Street, and includes two entrances with substantial timber doors and five double-hung two-paned (possibly modified) sash windows. The side of north elevation on Bell Street has a side entrance, possibly for the residence, and a twelve-paned double hung sash window. The location has had a long association with commercial enterprise from the earliest days of the township for well over 100 years. The original purchaser was James Blair, the first Police Magistrate for Portland, a Crown Lands Commissioner and one of the most important public servants in the Western District. It is not known if there were former commercial premises on the site. The building was constructed in 1863, for John Earls, trading as John Earls and Co. No architect or builder has been identified. Several important families have been associated with the General Store other than the Earls family. Harry Olle (a member of possibly the largest and most important commercial family in the town) initially worked for John Earls and later took over the store. The Madigan's (another important and influential family) was associated with this site from the beginning of the twentieth century. Although it has consistently been used as a store, for a short period in the 1920s, the store was used as a motor garage. The building is in excellent condition and retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

Madigan's Store is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians shire and the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

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Madigan's Store is of architectural significance as a fine example of the Victorian period Free Classical style. The masonry and detailing of the building enhance the architectural significance of the building. Madigan's Store is of historical significance as the site of commercial activity for over 100 years. Of further historical significance is the store and the site's association with very distinguished individuals and successful families, including James Blair, Police Magistrate, the Earls family, the Olle family and the Madigan family. The location of the building on the corner of the main intersection of the town, through which the main Hamilton-Melbourne and Hamilton - Warrnambool transport routes passed is of further historical significance as it demonstrates Penshurst's role in the development of a local and regional economy. The central location of the store also re-inforces the role which Penshurst played as a central meeting point, commercial centre and seat of local government.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1865,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	PENSHURST STORE, OLLE'S STORE,
Hermes Number	23324
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in excellent condition.

Physical Description 1

Madigan's Store is a typical single storey general store. The walls throughout are in coursed rockfaced bluestone. It has a bullnose verandah supported by and partly cantilevered from timber posts. The facade, which faces east on Martin Street, includes two entrances with substantial timber doors and five double-hung two-paned (possibly

modified) sash windows. These openings have simple architraves, shallow segmental arches and keystones all in painted render. The parapet is very simply detailed in an abstracted Classical style with a shallow pediment supported by consoles. It includes the words 'Penshurst Store, est. 1867'. The frieze below is painted with the words 'General - T. Madigan - Merchant'. The side of north elevation on Bell Street has a side entrance, possibly for the residence, and a twelve-paned double hung sash window. These openings also have simple architraves, shallow segmental arches and keystones all in painted render. At the rear, and associated with the residence, there is a bluestone chimney with a distinctive flared capping. The roof is corrugated iron. [The interiors have not been inspected.]

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8 Moving goods and people on land

3.8.8 Getting fuel to engines

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.19 Marketing and Retailing

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.4 Eating and drinking

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Usage/Former Usage

Vacant

Integrity

Excellent degree of integrity

Physical Description 2

James Blair, first owner

T. Madigan, owner

Frank Olle, general store occupant

John Earls, first store owner

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