
SADDLER'S SHOP (FORMER)



23326 Saddler s Shop
Former 75b Bell St Penshurst
0785

Location

75 Bell Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0114

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?

The former Saddler's shop is a small symmetrical single storey timber shop, abutting the footpath on the south side of Bell Street, in the centre of the township of Penshurst. It is thought that the shop dates from the mid to late 1850s, and has been used as a saddler continuously from that time until it closed in the late 1970s. No architect or builder has been associated with the design. The shop has several rare surviving details, including the original small paned shop windows, original front door, and pencilled graffiti from earlier owners or occupiers on the interior walls. The shop is in poor condition, but retains a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Saddler's Shop at 75 Bell Street, Penshurst is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The saddler's shop in Bell Street, Peshurst is of historical significance as one of the oldest surviving retail outlets in Peshurst. The shop has further historical significance for the constant occupation by a series of saddlers and bootmakers, including Mr. Dodd, Mr. Dean and Mr. Rice. The building is of architectural significance for its simple early vernacular form, and as a rare example of an intact timber shop with small paned windows and door. Its combination of front shop and (now demolished) rear residence demonstrates a traditional way of life.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1850,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23326
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The building is in poor condition.

Physical Description 1

The former Saddler's shop is a small symmetrical single storey timber shop, abutting the footpath on Bell Street, Peshurst. The original small paned shop windows survive as does the original front door. The roof has a transverse gable and is corrugated iron. There is no residence at the rear which suggests that there was a residence elsewhere on the site. The original verandah has been removed. The window on the north side has been shuttered but the glazing bars survive underneath. The present owner states that there is pencilled graffiti from earlier owners or occupiers on the interior walls.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.19 marketing and Retailing

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

Usage/Former Usage

vacant

Integrity

High degree of integrity internally and externally. Original verandah is missing.

Physical Description 2

John Meagher, original owner

Jonathan Thompson, early occupant

Charles and Jim Dean, saddlers and bootmakers

Mr. Rice, owner prior to 1980 and formerly the town saddler

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