
PENSHURST GENERAL STORE



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Location

80 Bell Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0025

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 15, 2003

What is significant?

The General Store is a large single storey timber building built around 1900. It was originally built as three shops, being one double and two single fronted. A further single fronted addition was made on the east side in the 1930s and used as a hairdresser. The double shop on the west side and known as 80c Bell Street has been a wine and spirit merchant since the time of its construction. The middle shops operated as a hardware, draper and bank (CBC or CBA?) at various times. Some historical fittings survive including shelving and large bins for the bulk storage of sugar and flour, and a large earth cellar with a timber staircase and shelving survives below the former wine and spirit merchants shop. The Collins family owned the property for many years. Phillip D. Collins came to Penshurst from Rosebrook in 1894, where he had run a dairy farm. He opened a produce store in Penshurst, and subsequently built the Federation Buildings in 1900. The buildings are in good condition throughout but the integrity of the interiors has been reduced through alterations.

How is it significant?

The Penshurst General Store is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians shire and to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The Penshurst General Store is of historical as one of the four original general stores in Penshurst and of architectural significance for its typical form.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1900,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	FEDERATION BUILDINGS,
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Physical Conditions

The building is in good condition throughout.

Physical Description 1

A large single storey timber building built to the property boundary, originally three shops, one being double and two single, and a fourth single fronted shop being added on the east side. The facade still has four entrances. Only one of the original single-leaved glazed doors survives, the other being modern glazed doors. There are five shop windows. Two, associated with former double shop, are divided into four large panes. The windows associated with the single shops are divided into six large panes. The later shop has a two paned fixed window. One new parapet unites the facade and the verandah is either much altered or largely new. The interiors of the shops are lined with tongue and groove lining boards. Internal dividing walls between the original shops have been removed. The hairdressing salon remains separate. Some historical fittings survive including shelving and large bins for the bulk storage of sugar and flour. A large earth cellar with a timber staircase and shelving survives below the former wine and spirit merchants shop. There is a contemporary storage shed behind the wine and spirit merchants shop and a substantial residence survives, although much altered, behind the middle shops. The banker manager's office and storeroom survive at the rear of No 80b.

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

4.1 Planning urban settlements

4.1.3 Learning to live with property booms and busts.

Usage/Former Usage

general store

Integrity

Good degree of integrity but altered internally.

Physical Description 2

Collins Family

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