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# CENTRAL HOTEL



Central Hotel

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## Location

Princes Highway BEACONSFIELD, Cardinia Shire

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO100

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The Central Hotel site and the continuing hotel use on the site are significant to the Cardinia Shire because they symbolise early exploration endeavours and the Bowman's Track pioneering survey. Built in 1928, today's hotel is also a major commercial building in Beaconsfield from the post World War One era which, by its location on the highway, underscores the early emphasis in town growth along the old coach road (the township shifting south only after the railway was built).

This hotel is a near externally complete example from the era of new hotel construction in the Shire during the

1920s and is associated with the locally important Adamsons, the prolific local builders.

## Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1928,
Other Names	Princes Highway, Beaconsfield,
Hermes Number	29991
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This hotel has a hipped and Marseilles-pattern tiled roof, textured stucco walls, shutters and an arched entry porch. The hotel is in the Mediterranean style which relates to the contemporary Spanish styled Pakenham Hotel and other modern hotels of that era. It is thought that part of an earlier building may survive within the perimeter of this later structure.

## Physical Conditions

The hotel is generally externally original except for the addition of a flat-roofed canopy at the west end and the addition of signs which are unrelated to the period.

## Historical Australian Themes

Themes

2.1 Early explorers

8.4 Railway townships

9.15 Hotels, motels

11.0 Evidence of: Life style, housing and landscape choice of notable figures residing in the district

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Ellis & Nicholls; Adamson, James; Budge, GE; Bowman family (site only)

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