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# COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA, FORMER



Commercial Bank of Australia Former

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## Location

3 NAR NAR GOON ROAD, NAR NAR GOON, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO83

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Commercial Bank of Australia, constructed in 1893-94, is significant to the Cardinia Shire as the oldest architect designed commercial building in the Shire, the relative sophistication of its design and for its associations with the early history of the small Nar Nar Goon township. It is significant as one of a small number of 19th century buildings remaining at Nar Nar Goon. Located on the site of the 1840s Mt. Ararat pastoral run, the township owed its origins to the timber trade and Melbourne's building boom in the 1880s. The parapeted and stuccoed Italian Renaissance styled bank building is a significant example of the substantial commercial buildings that such prosperous timber trade townships could afford. The bank has added significance for its near

original exterior.

## Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1893,
Hermes Number	29996
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This parapeted and stuccoed Italian renaissance styled bank is typical of 19th century architect branch bank designs. However this bank reputedly has its interior fittings intact<sup>5</sup>.

Set on a minute frontage, the front of the bank has deeply ruled stucco to resemble stone blocks. The window has a moulded cement architrave and above it is the main cornice and entablature of the building. Access to the recessed entrance is via some steps.

## Physical Conditions

The bank is externally near original

## Historical Australian Themes

Themes

8.4 Railway townships

9.9 Banks and insurance offices

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Commercial Bank of Australia.

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