
COFFEE PALACE (FORMER)



Coffee Palace

Location

66 & 66A MAIN STREET, GEMBROOK, CARDINIA SHIRE

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO189

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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This former Coffee Palace, (later a Take Away Food store & residence) is significant to the locality of Gembrook as a surviving example of the coffee palaces opened in many Victorian resort towns in the 1920s and one of the early buildings in the town. This building, presumably founded on temperance principles like other coffee palaces, has significance also for its associations with locally prominent persons such as Patrick McNulty and his wife, the first owners, and in the 1930s with the Hickeys.

It also reflects the surge in tourism to the town after World War One which was greatly enhanced by the new

railway and Gembrook's role as its terminus. The former coffee palace with the nearby Ranges Hotel, Gembrook station site and the former Gembrook store form the core of old Gembrook. All these places have landmark qualities.

Local Significance (Altered)

A Contributory place within the Gembrook Commercial Precinct. Please refer to the precinct Hermes record no.206258 for the history, description and statement of significance for this precinct.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996; |
| Construction dates | 1925, |
| Other Names | Gembrook Commercial Precinct, |
| Hermes Number | 30002 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

This weatherboard gabled building appears to contain a number of construction stages which include the gable wing along the side frontage, another small gabled section at the rear and a two-level wing in the centre of the block with a monitor roof form. Windows and joints along the side wall reflect different stages even within this wing. There is what appears to be a show window in the front and a skillion form street verandah (rebuilt/new); another section adjoins on the east.

Monterey pines appear to be in the rear yard of the property.

Physical Conditions

The building has been erected in many stages but little specific is known about any one of them. An iron chimney has extended the corbelled brick chimney (overpainted), rooflights have been added, part of the roofing is missing at the rear and repairs have been done to the two-level section recently.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme - 7.2 Popular holiday resorts. Guest house era and later

Physical Description 2

Associations - McNulty, Mr & Mrs. Patrick; Hickey, Mrs C.G.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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