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# PAKENHAM GAZETTE & BERWICK CITY NEWS



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## Location

100 MAIN STREET, PAKENHAM, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO66

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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Pakenham Gazette & Berwick City News offices, which date from c 1935, and the earlier associated but altered residence, are significant to the Cardinia Shire as the location of the shire's major district newspaper. From 1918, when the newspaper (formerly known as the Berwick Shire News) transferred to Pakenham, it was recognised as the official organ of the Shire.

The 1935 printing office and the associated residence have historical significance for their associations with the

Thomas family, prominent local residents. Albert Ernest Thomas established the newspaper in 1909. Albert's son, H.B.(Herb) Thomas, took over the running of the newspaper in the 1950s, and his son, Ian H.Thomas, took it over in 1979 after his father's death. Beatrice Thomas, who occupied the residence, became Shire Secretary, an unusual position for a woman in the 1950s.

The parapeted red brick offices have significance as among the oldest commercial buildings still externally intact in the Pakenham township.

#### *Regional Significance (Cardinia Shire)*

#### *Local Significance (House)*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1935,
Other Names	96 Main Street, Pakenham,
Hermes Number	30085
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

These parapeted red brick offices abut the old shire offices (since renovated) on the north. The walls are of red brick and the parapet wall is cemented, holding the name of the business.

Typical of newspaper offices of this and last century, the elevation is simple, with two windows and a central door.

These offices are among the oldest commercial buildings still externally intact in town.

## **Physical Conditions**

The offices are externally near original except for the possible replacement of the door with a glass door. The adjoining timber house has been altered with new windows, pergola in the place of the verandah and a new door; these alterations may have been carried out by the Thomas family.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Historical Themes

9.9 Banks and insurance offices

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

## **Physical Description 2**

Associations - Thomas, Albert E; Thomas, Beatrice

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