

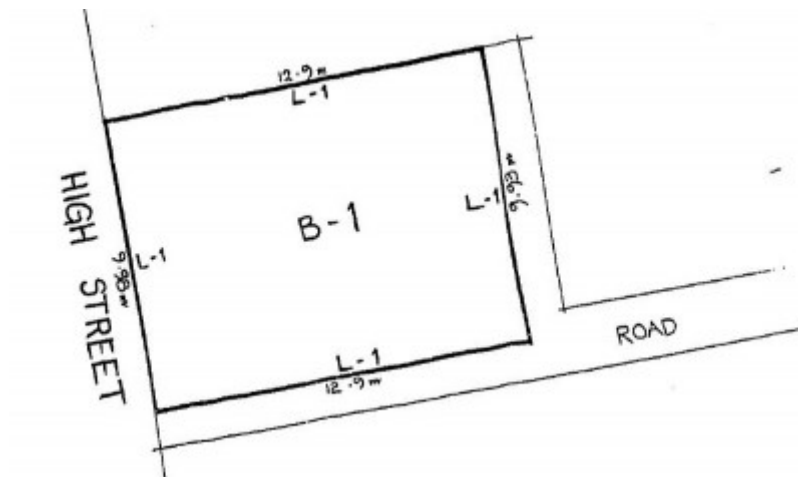
## FORMER PERMEWAN WRIGHT OFFICES



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### Location

624-626 HIGH STREET ECHUCA, CAMPASPE SHIRE

### Municipality

CAMPASPE SHIRE

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1075

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO27

## VHR Registration

March 30, 1995

## Amendment to Registration

April 13, 1995

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 5, 1999

The former Permewan Wright offices were built in 1866-70 of local red brick as a pair of single storeyed offices for James Shackell who leased them to various occupants. The upper level of the building was added in 1872 and included a verandah which has since been removed. Occupants of the building included shipping and forwarding agencies, the Millewa Club and the Echuca Recreation Club.

The former Permewan Wright offices are of architectural, historical, and social significance to Victoria.

The building represents the activities and functions associated with the port of Echuca, that being the role of agents who were responsible for the dispatch of in-going and out-going goods quickly and safely through the complex network of steamer, rail and dray transportation. The role of agents was vital to the commercial trade associated with the port. The building is also important for its association with the port of Echuca which played a major role during the nineteenth century as Victoria's principal inland port. The building represents a way of life at the turn of the century which encouraged the formation of recreational club providing the facilities of a gymnasium, library and games room specifically for the young men of the region.

The building has an association with James Shackell (1833-99), politician, auctioneer and agent, who dominated most aspects of life in Echuca from his arrival in 1863 until 1888 when his parliamentary career and subsequent interests led to his departure from Echuca. Shacknell was mayor from 1878 until 1882 and in 1883 won the seat of Rodney in the Legislative Assembly. He lost the seat in 1892 to a local farmer. It also has an association with Permewan Wright & Co., a cartage company established in 1856 in Geelong, who opened one of its twenty Victorian branches at Echuca in 1875. The company dominated the river trade in Echuca during the 1880s and 1890s, operating a fleet of steamers on the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Edwards Rivers.

Construction dates	1866,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	3818
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

Former Permewan Wright Offices, 624-626 High Street, Echuca.

To the extent of:

1. All of the building known as the former Permewan Wright offices, Echuca marked B-1 on Plan 6055512 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the described in Certificate of Title Volume 3553 folio 509 marked L-1 on Plan 6055512 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.)  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G14 13 April 1995 p.899]

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