
345 Balaclava and 26 Kambrook Roads



Wybar's Building 345
Balaclava Road Caulfield

Location

345 and 26 Balaclava and Kambrook Roads CAULFIELD NORTH, Glen Eira City

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO91

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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"Wybar's Buildings" at the corner of Balaclava Road and Kambrook Road are important as a prominent late Victorian commercial development incorporating a variety of activities including a bakery and possibly a coffee palace, the latter understood to be unique within the municipality, but characteristic of the period.

It is a rare complex of its type in Caulfield and is important also as evocative evidence of the late Victorian Land Boom and the creation of a small now defunct commercial centre at this location by the George Wybrow.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - City of Glen Eira Heritage Management Plan, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1996;
Other Names	Wybar's Buildings,
Hermes Number	43737
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Physical Description 1

A prominently situated two-storeyed complex of late Victorian buildings consisting of "Wybar's Buildings" occupying the Balac1ava Road/ Kambrook Road corner and the "Caulfield Bakery" facing Kambrook Road, separated by a driveway from a single storeyed shop. The main building has a corner splay and balustraded parapet with curved pediments, the words "Wybar's Buildings 1887" having been obliterated but "Caulfield Bakery 1887" with the characteristic wheatsheaf surviving in raised cement work. The walls are stuccoed and richly ornamented with bracketed cornices and keystones with masks extending to the Bakery. The main building is further distinguished by the Masonic symbol of the mason's dividers in the pediment whilst the upper level of the bakery is in overpainted brickwork. The single storeyed shop incorporates the bracketed cornice and consoles characteristic of the main buildings and is in other respects a utilitarian structure.

Physical Description 2

Integrity: The entire complex originally had posted verandahs with shop fronts, now replaced, at street level. Later shop fronts survive at the Bakery and the shop at No.26 Kambrook Road.

Physical Description 3

Condition: sound

Historical Australian Themes

Caulfield as a late Victorian suburb

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