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Location

38-56 SOUTH GIPPSLAND HIGHWAY CRANBOURNE, CASEY CITY

Municipality

CASEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO169

Heritage Listing

Casey City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Motor Club Hotel at 38-56 High Street, Cranbourne, constructed c.1925, is significant.

The non-original alterations and additions, including the verandah and later additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Motor Club Hotel is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Casey.

Why is it significant?

The Motor Club Hotel is of historical significance for its association with the development and consolidation of Cranbourne in the Interwar period, as demonstrated by the construction of the current substantial hotel building, replacing the previous modest single storey nineteenth century premises. The hotel is of further historical interest for the early association with the automobile industry, evident in the place name, and is believed to be associated with the earliest consideration of a motoring club, which later became the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria. It is of further historical significance as the site of a hotel from 1860, and for the role it has played in the Cranbourne community, providing a home for the municipal meetings, various local community and sporting groups and also long-term accommodation for local workers such as bank clerks and schoolteachers during the 1930s and 1940s. (Criterion A)

The Motor Club Hotel is of associative significance for its close and enduring connection to the Kelly Family, who have owned the hotel site since 1925, constructed the current hotel c.1925, and held a continuous licence over four generations. (Criterion H)

The hotel is of aesthetic significance as one of the more architecturally sophisticated early hotels within the municipality. A building of its time, it demonstrates elements of Edwardian Freestyle, which was still popular for commercial buildings in the 1920s, with a varied use of parapets and exposed eaves, contrasting materials (render and face brick) and ox-bow arches to the central parapet. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Casey - Casey Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Casey - City of Casey Heritage Study: Cranbourne, Knox, Graeme Butler & Associate, 1998; Cranbourne Town Centre Heritage Overlays Review, Plan Heritage, 2020;
Hermes Number	63196
Property Number	

Usage/Former Usage

Hotel

Physical Description 1

The Motor Club Hotel at 38-56 High Street Cranbourne is a two storey brick and render interwar hotel with a hipped tile roof. The upper level facade is largely intact and features a series of expressed brick piers with rendered caps and a centrally placed arched porch. The original name "Kelly's Motor Club Hotel" features in raised lettering above the arched porch and along the central rendered band that divides the upper and lower elevations. Windows are paired double hung sash.

The street level elevation has been radically altered and there is a new street verandah. It is on a corner site, opposite some early, but very altered shops on the south corner.

Physical Conditions

Good

Intactness

Lower level - Low. Upper Level - High

Historical Australian Themes

Building settlements, towns and cities; Economic development

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