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# Former English, Scottish & Australian Bank



B0081 Former ES & A Bank

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## Location

376 - 390 Collins Street and Cnr Queen Street,, MELBOURNE VIC 3000 - Property No B0081

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

National

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0034

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Former E.S. & A. (The Gothic Bank), was erected in 1883-87 and originally served as the Head Office and General Manager's residence of the E. S. & A. Bank. The architect was W.W. Wardell, the contractors were Goss and Mason, and the Clerk of Works was A Todd. The three storey brick structure is faced with Pyrmont stone. In 1923 the banking chamber was enlarged into the adjacent Stock Exchange Building and minor alterations were made to the facades.

This is the finest sectarian gothic revival building in Victoria and masterpiece of William Wardell. It stands as a

monument to Sir George Verdon, the bank's general manager and patron of the gothic revival, and was the focus of a series of gothic branches erected by the E. S. & A. Bank. The finely composed and austere facades are modelled on Venetian gothic architecture; they contrast with the unique and magnificent banking chamber. The decoration and finishes throughout the building are of the highest quality.

Adaptation from AHC Citation.

Classified: 02/12/1974

Group Statement: The important Wardell corner bank of 1883 is flanked by two allied buildings by William Pitt at 380 Collins Street (built as the Stock Exchange in 1891) and 90 Queen Street (built as the Melbourne Safe Deposit in 1890) & integrated into the bank in 1922. This major corner group of Gothic Revival buildings of the Land Boom period is the only one of its kind still surviving in the City of Melbourne. Their detail is sympathetic and re-modelling as has occurred has been most skilfully carried out.

Group Classified: 02/12/1974

Group Classification with: B3574 (88-92 Queen Street), B6188 (94-98 Queen Street), B6189 (100-104 Queen Street), B6190 (106-110 Queen Street), B6191(118-126 Queen Street).

Other Names ANZ Bank, Gothic Bank,

Hermes Number 64595

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