

Place name National Bank of Australasia (former)

Survey Date:

Other name National Australia Bank, Semmens, Hatch and Anderson

Id:

678

Street 64 Johnson Street

Last Update

Locality Maffra

Postcode 3860

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Property Info Vol 666 Folio 023

Precinct: Precinct - Maffra Johnson Street

Easting

Northing

Map Maffra Township Map No. 2

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer Terry & Oakden

Builder

Ownership

Built Date 1877

Change Date

Description The former National Bank Of Australasia, constructed in 1877, comprises single storey bank and residence constructed of Briagolong sandstone walls in rusticated courses. The building has recessed arched windows and doors and a symmetrical facade around the central front door. Running around the top of the walls is a projecting stucco band while further down at the springing points of the arches a projecting string course also decorates the wall surfaces. The hipped roof is covered with corrugated iron. The building has been painted cream. A conservative classical design has been adapted for this building. (RNE 004727)

Condition and Integrity

The facade and front rooms containing the banking chamber and offices are intact. The sandstone has been painted and the residential wing periodically extended and modified. The brick extension at the rear is a later addition. Jun 1989.

Condition

Integrity

History The National Bank Of Australasia opened its first branch in Maffra in December 1872. In August 1877 architects Terry and Oakden advertised tenders for construction of the existing single storey bank and residence with Briagolong sandstone walls in rusticated courses.

SOURCES

Heritage Victoria, File No. 602517

Register of the National Estate, Site ID No. 004727

| Heritage Protections | Register | Reference | Zoning | Status |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| | National Trust Register | B1170 | | Listed |
| | Planning Scheme | HO71 | | Listed |
| | Register of the National Estate | 004727 | | Listed |
| | Victorian Heritage Register | H399 | | Listed |

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed & protected

Stage 2 priority No Action: Already include

Final Ranking State significance

Final Recommendation Amendment C26

Statement of significance The Maffra branch of the National Bank of Australasia, 64 Johnson Street, Maffra, was built in 1877. It is a well proportioned and simply detailed free standing commercial building of the period using coursed rusticated sandstone construction. The only other building designed by Leonard Terry of similar architectural expression is the MacArthur branch of the National Bank. Unlike the MacArthur branch the Maffra branch is symmetrical about the front door. The main architectural expression of the building is the exterior treatment of the original bank building. The interior, although austere detailed, is of importance when seen in the context of the exterior. The building gains additional importance due to its regional significance to Gippsland. (Heritage Victoria Register, H399)

The National Bank at Maffra is a well proportioned and simply detailed classical style bank building, and typical of bank architecture in Victorian country towns of the 1870s. It is an important 19th century element in the townscape of this Gippsland settlement.

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Of State significance. (National Trust Register, B1170)

Extent of designation The total building and area of

Informant

Notes

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