

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: SCHRAMM'S SERVICE STATION

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 84 Bell Street PENSURST

STUDY NUMBER: 247

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Penshurst

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 5 & 6 **SECTION:** 17 **PARISH:** PARISH OF YALIMBA

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 475J C11; VicRoads 233 P11; located at 84 Bell Street on the north side between Martin and French Streets in the centre of the township.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Schramm's Service Station, 84 Bell St, Penshurst

Image Date: 22/04/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the building including the interiors and all the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

A large timber framed building under one main gable roof but with side extensions. The façade includes a stepped parapet, central front door and large windows. The upper facade is clad with fibro-cement shetting. The lower façade is treated as a plinth in weatherboards. There are four windows in the façade, generally symmetrical. The larger windows on either side of the central door are subdivided into four large panes. The side windows, associated with the offices are also subdivided into large panes. The side walls are corrugated iron laid vertically. The roof is corrugated iron. The most distinctive feature of the façade is the traditional lettering. The building is set back from the street boundary to create a forecourt. There are no petrol pumps although some bases can be seen. Internally there are two offices framed in timber and clad in weatherboard. The main workshop is a large open space under the timber trussed roof. The side walls show concrete footings.

HISTORY:

The land on which Schramm's Service Station now stands was first sold by the Crown as allotment 5 of Section 17 of the Township of Peshurst to S. W. Lutton on 45th September 1852. The early and intermediate history of the site has not been determined but it may have included some transport associated business since Bell Street became the main road through Peshurst and one of main hotels was next door.

The Schramm family established the service station during the Interwar years. The surviving livery of the building suggests that it was a Caltex service station.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

Theme 3.8 Moving goods and people on land

Theme 3.8.8 Getting fuel to engines

CONDITION:

The building is in good condition.

INTEGRITY:

excellent degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Schramm's Service Station is a large timber framed building in the Interwar Moderne style. The façade includes a stepped parapet with distinctive traditional lettering, a central front door and large almost symmetrically arranged windows. The location, on a main road, and next door to a hotel suggests that the site has been used for some form of transport for some time. The Schramm family established the service station during the Interwar years. The surviving livery of the building suggests that it was a Caltex service station. There has been no architect or builder identified as being associated with the buildings. The service station is in good condition and retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

Schramm's Service Station is of historical and architectural significance to the southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Peshurst.

Why is it significant?

Schramm's Service Station is of historical significance as a long term use of the site by the same business and family for the same purpose for over sixty years. Of further historical significance is the location of the service station, on a main route through the town, which suggests that the advent of motor cars through the district was

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during the Interwar period was the catalyst for the development of a new commercial enterprise. Schramm's Service Station is a rare surviving example of the Moderne Interwar period of architecture. The service station is of further architectural significance as a well known icon which makes an important contribution to the streetscape in the centre of Penshurst.

COMPARISON:

379 Watt's Garage, Whyte Street, Coleraine
252 Penshurst Motors, Bell Street, Penshurst

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

20-May-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES: