ANZ BANK 377 Burnley Street

History and Description

This suburban branch was erected for the Bank of Australasia in 1889. Architect for the works was the prominent bank designer, Anketell Henderson, of the firm Reed, Henderson and Smart. Henderson was an important protagonist of the austere classical style in bank architecture of the 1880's.

The Burnley branch is constructed to the predominant rectangular plan with a projecting entrance form, articulated by a balcony and projecting parapet. Architectural detail is restrained. The ground floor is emphasised by banded rustication, and simple flat arch headed windows and simple string coursing provide the only elaboration. The first floor rooms are recessed behind a balcony with central vestibule and window. Projecting cornices complete the building.

The building currently operates as a branch of the Australian and New Zealand Banking Group.

Statement of Significance

The Burnley branch of the former Bank of Australasia, is an important work of the prominent bank architect, Anketell Henderson, erected in an 1880's style of austere classicism.

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