

Building: State Savings Bank  
Address: 231 Victoria Street



Allotment Reference: 56  
National Estate Register: Recommended  
Historic Buildings Council Register: Recommended  
National Trust Register: -  
Location within Precinct: Collingwood Flat (Abbotsford)  
Photo Date: November 1989  
Grantee: H.T. Hughes & J. Hosking  
Original Owner: Melbourne Savings Bank  
Present Owner: State Bank Victoria  
Original Use: Bank  
Present Use: Bank  
Construction Date: 1885  
Architect: George Wharton  
Builder:

**Description:**

A two storey cement rendered brick Classical Revival building, with arched openings to the ground floor and Ionic pilasters to the first floor. The centre section of each facade is slightly recessed, and the aedicular treatment of the window openings to the corner pavilions is slightly more elaborate, having Doric columns at ground floor level, and rounded Ionic pilasters topped by a pediment under the cornice at first floor level. The balustrades have been removed from the parapet.

The render is coursed at ground floor level above the springing line cornice, and the arches have vermiculated keystones.

**Condition:**

Good

**Integrity:**

Good. Refer above

**History:**

In 1883, the Melbourne Savings Bank (James Moore) purchased 60ft of vacant land on the north-east corner of Victoria and Hoddle Streets from Saul and Louis Solomon. In 1884 there was land and foundations with James Moore listed as owner, the Melbourne Savings Bank being completed in 1885. The Branch was opened on 16-02-1885. (RB 1883, 1884, 1885)

**Significance:**

A prominent Italianate Bank of regional significance to the extent that it partially closes the eastern vista along Victoria Parade.

Compares with George Wharton's other work for the former Melbourne Savings Bank.

**Recommendations:**

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate Register, Historic Buildings Council Register and for planning scheme protection.

**References:**

Rate Books

**Issue:**

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