

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS *365 Burwood Road* TYPE
 Single Residence Multiple Unit Res.
 Shop Outbuildings
 Office Industrial Building
 TITLE *former Melbourne Savings Bank* Landscape feature Public building
 View Other *Bank*

EXISTING DESIGNATION HBR GBR AHC NT VAS

STREETSCAPE LEVEL 1 2 3
 SIGNIFICANT SIGNIFICANT
 STREET TREES KERB & GUTTERS

GRADING A B C D E
 KEYNOTE BUILDING

RECOMMENDED FOR HBR/GBR AHC URBAN CONSERVATION AREA
 VAS PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION
 CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OTHER

SURVEY DATE *June/Oct 91.*
 NEG FILE *18.13.*
 Title
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THEME
 Early Settlement
 Mansions
 Victorian Garden Suburb
 Municipal dev.
 1870s growth
 Garden villas
 Working enclaves
 Commercial Centres
 Edwardian Prosperity
 Interwar Housing
 Flats and Offices

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS
 Date *1888*
 Architect *Wight and Lucas*
 Builder
 Elements -
Two storey rendered Bank.



Contributing garden Original or early hard landscape layout
 Landmark tree Original or early fence

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE
See Butler, Upper Hawthorn Study
 See attached

INTEGRITY Good CONDITION Good
 Fair Fair
 Poor Poor

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION
 Associated significant garden

LOCATION: OFFICES, FORMER MELBOURNE SAVINGS BANK
 365 BURWOOD ROAD
 MMPS ZONE: Restricted Business
 BUILT: 1888

HISTORY - The Melbourne Savings Bank was built in 1888, one of a trio of banks built around the intersection within the decade of the opening of the Glenferrie Railway Station.¹ Next door to the Estate Agent, R.W.E. Hooke, it was also built on former Serpell property, opposite the newly rebuilt Town Hall (according to its advertisement in the local paper),² and next to Miss Sybella Hobbs' Ladies' School.³ The Bank was managed by Hans McNalty and later W.J. Masters, when it was still 275 Burwood Road and had been joined by a new pair of shops next door. By 1913, it had become the Hawthorn United Friendly Society Dispensary.

The banks favoured architects of the period, Wight and Lucas, designed their second bank in this style and their third bank for the company. Other similar former Savings Banks by Wight and Lucas are at Clifton Hill (1888) and North Melbourne (1891).

DESCRIPTION - Resembling closely the former Clifton Hill Savings Bank, this building is two storeyed, of stuccoed brick and parapetted and possesses a symmetrical, three-bayed facade and slated mansard roof.

The parapet is modelled in a guilloche pattern and a segment arched raised entablature is echoed and encased by the broken segmental pediment which is supported by the central bay. This device, the stylised column capitals and elongated inverse consoles, garlands and dwarf piers placed both within the main openings' fanlights and forming a colonnaded two-level window to the banking chamber, highlight the generally Italian Baroque manner of the facade (compare with Michelangelo's Porta Pia, 1561) with some Jacobean details in the ground level piers. The free use of ornament is skillful and unusual for the period.

INTEGRITY - new red tiles to entrance; new tinted glazing to windows at ground level; possible loss of cast-iron balustrade to the widow's walk on the mansard; new non-period signs have been added.

STREETSCAPE - Contributive part of 19th century commercial streetscape (4.7).

SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally: Distinctively and successfully designed in an unusual Baroque revival style, in near original condition and part of an identified 19th century commercial streetscape: of State importance. Historically: One of four large banks located near the railway station and the new Municipal Offices; the tenth known Savings Bank in Victoria; and the sixth in the metropolitan area: of regional interest.

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ENHANCEMENT - Repaint in original or typical colours; replace signage with replication of cement lettering to an approved letter style symmetrically placed within the ground level string-mould entablature or use brass or metal plate at entrance (as examples).

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REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

1. RB 1888, 1739;
2. BS 20.7.88, to open 2.8.88
3. D 1889
4. D 1895-7;
D 1907
5. Hawthorn and Camberwell Citizen 19.8.13
6. Trethowan