

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BARBER'S SHOP (FORMER)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 16 Glendinning Street BALMORAL

STUDY NUMBER: 182

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Balmoral

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 3 **SECTION:** 5

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 338J C4; VicRoads 227T3; located at 16 Glendinning Street, positioned in the eastern corner of the allotment, in the centre of the township of Balmoral.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Former Barber's Shop, 16 Glendinning Street, Balmoral

Image Date: 09/2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the shop but not the residence and all the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The shop is a small timber building with a low-pitched, corrugated iron roof. The recessed entrance is to one side and there is a returning shop window subdivided into three large panes and eight small panes above. There is also a two paned double hung sash window to one side. The weatherboard façade extends through the eaves line in the centre to form a very simple parapet or pediment.

HISTORY:

The land on which the former Barber's shop is located was purchased from the Crown by Robert Officer, an important local pastoralist on 6th March 1855. There was a hairdresser and boot maker located on the site of the current war memorials, operated by Mr. Jack O'Toole, until after 1920. This building no longer survives.

The present building in Glendinning Street dates from between the Interwar years, and was used by Mr. Charles Bloomfield as a hairdressing salon and boot repair shop. He built the house behind the shop when he was married. Mr. Bloomfield, who cut people's hair until he was eighty-one, is well-remembered as a local identity. His shop was an important social focus for the small community. His barber's chair is now located at the Balmoral Historical Society rooms.

The shop was also the Dalgety's agency, one of several such pastoral services based in Balmoral. One room of the building was devoted to a part-time manager, firstly Mr. D. Phillips and then Mr. J. Plain. After them, with the status of a full office, Mr. B. Gunn was the first full-time manager of Dalgety's followed by Mr. N. Saffin who went on to manage Yat Nat station. In 1971, the Balmoral branch of Dalgety's reverted to the status of an agency under the control of Mr. Bloomfield.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies
3.19 Marketing and retailing

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

The shop is in fair condition. [Interior not inspected.]

INTEGRITY:

High degree of intactness. [Interior not inspected.]

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former barber's shop is a small timber building located on the south west side of Glendinning Street in the centre of Balmoral. The shop has a recessed entrance with a returning shop window divided into three large panes and eight small panes above. There is also a two paned double hung sash window to one side. The shop also has a very simple weatherboard parapet or pediment. The former barber shop is the second and only surviving example of a barber shop in Balmoral. It dates from the 1930s, and was run by local identity, Charles Bloomfield for many years as a barber and bootmakers shop, and later as a sub - branch of the important agricultural store Dalgety's Farmers. The building is currently unoccupied, but retains a high degree of integrity and is in relatively good condition.

How is it significant?

The former barbers shop is of historical significance to the township of Balmoral and the Southern Grampians Shire.

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The former barbers shop is of historical significance as a rare surviving example of a 1930s shop in Balmoral. It is of further importance for its associations with the local Bloomfield family, particularly Charles Bloomfield who ran a barbers shop and bootmaker from the premises for many years. The shop is also of historical significance for its role as a sub-branch of Dalgety's Farmers, one of the most important agents and suppliers of equipment to people on the land throughout the twentieth century.

COMPARISON:

042 Hairdressing Salon, 72B Whyte Street, Coleraine

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

28-Jan-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR **Include in RNE** **Include in Local Planning Scheme**

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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