

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** COOK AND O'CONNOR SUPERMARKET (FORMER)

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** 110 Martin Street PENSURST

**STUDY NUMBER:** 278

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE:** SUPAVALU SUPERMARKET, PRODUCE STORE

**PRECINCT:** Penshurst

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** part      **SECTION:** 18      **PARISH:** PARISH OF BORAMBORAM  
CA 8  
and 10

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 475J ; VicRoads 233 ; located on the north side of Bell Street between Martin and Burchett Streets in the centre of the township.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local

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Cook and O'Connor's Supermarket Bell St, Penshurst

**Image Date:** 28/01/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All the shop exterior, and all of the land being part CA 8 and 10 of Section 18, Township of Penshurst

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

A large timber framed building clad in corrugated iron on its side walls with a timber façade. The façade incorporates two entrances, not recessed, and four large shop windows divided into large panes. There is a post supported verandah with enclosed spandrels and a v-shaped advertising sign above it. The parapet of the façade is simple, faced with sheet metal and stepped to accommodate the gable roof. It bears the signage "Supa Valu, Cook and O'Connor Supermarket, Groceries and Hardware, Supa Valu". The roof is a simple gable and covered with corrugated iron.

The west elevation

a gable, since closed off, which would have allowed access to a first floor storage area. There is still a timber door between the gable and the façade.

## **HISTORY:**

The land on which the former Cook and O'Connor Supermarket stands was purchased from the Crown by T. Smith, allotment 8, and by James Blair, allotment 10 of section 18 of the Township of Peshurst on 4th September 1852.

Clement Bertram Cook is rated as the occupant of a general store on allotment 10 of section 18 in 1924 with a Nett annual Value of 26 pounds (SMR RB #487). Jack Chesswass refers to one of the five grocers operating in Peshurst in the 1920s and 1930s as 'CB Cook', which is almost certainly Clement Bertram Cook. There is little further information available regarding the history or ownership of the site at this time.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

3.19 Marketing and Retailing

## **CONDITION:**

The building is in fair condition but appears to be structurally sound.

## **INTEGRITY:**

High degree of integrity (Interior not inspected)

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

The former Cook & O'Connor Supermarket is located on the north side of Bell Street between Martin and Burchett Streets in the centre of the township of Peshurst. The former Supermarket is a large timber framed building clad in corrugated iron on its side walls. The facade has two entrances, not recessed, and four large shop windows divided into large panes. The exact construction date is not known, but it may date from as early as 1920. The store was run by the Clement Bertrand Cook in the 1920s, and the ownership has remained in the same family for over 70 years. The store retains a high degree of integrity and is fair condition.

How is it significant?

The Cook and Connor Supermarket is of historical and architectural significance to the southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Peshurst.

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**Why is it significant?**

The Cook and Connor Supermarket is of historical significance as one of the larger produce stores in Penshurst, subsequently converted into a supermarket, and of architectural significance as an intact example of such a building type. It is of further significance for the long association which it has had with the Cook family, who have been involved in the store since the 1920s.

**COMPARISON:**

240 Madigan's General Store, Martin and Bell Streets, Penshurst  
258 Penshurst General Store, 80 Bell Street, Penshurst  
282 Malcolm's Produce Store (Former), Martin Street, Penshurst

**ASSESSED BY:** tth

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

10/05/2002

**EXISTING LISTINGS:**

**HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

**REFERENCES:**

Author	Title	Year	Page
Department of Lands and Survey	Township of Penshurst, County of Villiers	1957	
Shire of Mount Rouse	Shire of Mount Rouse Rate Books 1924	1924	var.

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