

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** MALCOLM'S PRODUCE STORE (FORMER)

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

**STUDY NUMBER:** 282

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

**PRECINCT:** Penshurst

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** Part of **SECTION:** 13 **PARISH:** PARISH OF BORAMBORAM  
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**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 475J ; VicRoads 233; Located on the west side of Martin Street between the former Council Chambers and the corner of Bell Street.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Malcolm's Produce Store, Martin St, Penshurst

**Image Date:** 13/02/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All the buildings, excluding the interiors, and all the land, being Part of allotment 2 of section 13 in the township of Penshurst.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The former Malcolm's Produce Store building is a single storey, symmetrical shop with a post supported timber verandah. The verandah was added later and probably at the same time as the verandah was added to Madigan's General Store. They are identical in their construction. The structure is timber framed with the walls and roof clad in corrugated iron. The façade incorporates a timber front door and two timber windows subdivided into four large panes. Some original signage survives painted onto the inside of one of the panes.

## **HISTORY:**

The land on which Madigan's Store stands, Allotment 2 of Section 13 of the Township of Peshurst, was purchased from the Crown by a "J. Blair". This appears on a Lithograph at the Office of Crown Lands and Survey, dated 16th February 1864 and more modern Parish Plans give the date of purchase as 21st December 1858. The purchaser was most likely to be James Blair who was the first Police Magistrate for Portland, a Crown Lands Commissioner and one of the most important public servants in the Western District. It is not known if it was he who developed the site. The bluestone store and residence on the northern half of the site was built in 1863.

The produce store was built on the southern side of the site in 1906 on part of the land then owned by the Madigan family. It is located in the centre of Peshurst and beside the former Shire of Mount Rouse Council Chambers. The first occupants were Alexander Bruce Malcolm and James Robert Malcolm, produce merchants when the land was owned by Ellen Madigan, wife of Timothy Madigan who operated the adjacent general store and motor garage. (SMR RB 1906 #473 and 1910 # 549.) By 1912 A. B. Malcolm is no longer the occupant but is rated separately as a "dairyman". The produce store was then occupied by the Cook family trading as George Cook and Sons, who also had an interest in the produce store at 110 Bell Street, later to become the Cook and O'Connor Supermarket. (SMR RB 1923 #486) The principal occupant during this period was Clement Bertram Cook. From 1934 it was occupied by Timothy Madigan and, from 1939, by his daughter, Alma Madigan who continued to occupy the store until after the Second World War. Alma Madigan died in 1980. The store has been vacant for many years.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.19 Marketing and Retailing

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## **CONDITION:**

The building is in fair condition.

## **INTEGRITY:**

excellent degree of integrity

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

The former Malcolm's Produce Store was built in 1906 on part of the land owned by the Madigan family. It is located in the centre of Peshurst beside the former Shire of Mount Rouse Council Chambers. The first occupants were Alexander Bruce Malcolm and James Robert Malcolm, produce merchants when the land was owned by Ellen Madigan, wife of Timothy Madigan who operated the adjacent general store. By 1912 it was occupied by the Cook family, who remained there until 1980. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The former store is in fair condition, and retains an excellent degree of integrity.

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How is it significant?

The former Malcolm's Produce Store, Martin Street is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The former Malcolm's Produce Store, Martin Street is of historical significance for its association with the long adjacent general store, long owned by the Madigan family, and as one of the surviving produce stores in the township and of architectural significance as an intact example of such a store.

## COMPARISON:

278 Cook and O'Connor Supermarket, 110 Bell Street, Penshurst

240 Madigan's General Store, cnr Martin and Bell Streets, Penshurst

**ASSESSED BY:** tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:** 13/05/2002

## EXISTING LISTINGS:

## HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

## REFERENCES:

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