

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: MOTOR GARAGE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Martin Street DUNKELD

STUDY NUMBER: 426

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Dunkeld

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 2 **SECTION:** 40

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 433J C3; VicRoads 229 S4; located in the south side of Martin Street, two blocks south of the Glenelg Highway.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the building, including the Mobilgas sign, and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Motor Garage is a large L-shaped industrial building framed in timber and clad in horizontal corrugated iron. The shallow-pitched roofs are gabled and clad with corrugated iron. The gables are faced with simple stepped parapets with sheeting painted white. The north elevation has a large central double timber door. The north gable has an old Mobilgas sign with the red flying horse logo. The west elevation has an asymmetrical double door and a three-light double hung sash window. There are high level windows in the minor elevations. The internal corner of the L-shaped plan is partly filled with a small room, the outside wall of which is on the diagonal. Two modern petrol pumps stand outside some distance from the building.

HISTORY:

The land on which the Motor Garage in Dunkeld stands was taken up from the Crown by a C. Brady or Brody, who purchased allotments 1 & 2 of Section 40 in the township of Dunkeld in the 1890s. There is very little information known about the first owner, as neither family are represented in the Dunkeld Cemetery. A Charles Brody had several children born in Dunkeld between 1883 and 1887 (VPI), and this may be the first owner of the land. It is not known who started the garage, but the current building appears to date from post 1930.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies
3.8 Moving goods and people on land
3.8.8 Getting fuel to engines
3.19 Marketing and Retailing

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

CONDITION:

The building is in good condition.

INTEGRITY:

high degree of integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The motor garage is located in the south side of Martin Street, two blocks south of the Glenelg Highway. The garage is a large L-shaped industrial building framed in timber and clad in horizontal corrugated iron, with shallow-pitched gabled roofs clad with corrugated iron. The north elevation has a large central double timber door. The north gable has an old Mobilgas sign with the red flying horse logo. The west elevation has an asymmetrical double door and a three-light double hung sash window. There are high level windows in the minor elevations. The internal corner of the L-shaped plan is partly filled with a small room, the outside wall of which is on the diagonal. Two modern petrol pumps stand outside some distance from the building. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design, which is thought to have been built post 1930. The building is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The motor garage is of historical and architectural significance to the township of Dunkeld and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The motor garage is of historical significance for its demonstration of the sequence of development and adaptation on the site which has been associated with road transport from the early twentieth century. Of further significance is the remaining 'Mobilgas' sign on the gable, which illustrates a previous way of life, and a product

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and company which has been altered. The building is of architectural significance as a good example of small scale industrial architecture in the Interwar period.

COMPARISON:

247 Schramm's Service Station, Bell Street, Penshurst

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

07-Mar-03

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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