HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the Bank building is significant because it reflects the established importance of Burra as a major mining town in South Australia by 1861, just prior to its gradual decline. It is also noteworthy in that it was one of the earliest branches established by the National Bank in this State.

Architecturally, the National Bank is a very good early example of this building type. The building's simple lines are enhanced by the formality and modest detailing on the facade.

Environmentally, the National Bank is a significant corner element of a highly visual traditional streetscape.

The integrity of the National Bank is intact externally but it has been compromised internally with new fittings. The internal spatial arrangement is intact.

NOMINATION SOURCE/THREAT/OWNER

This report has been prepared as part of a programme to evaluate items nominated in Burra. The nomination was submitted by Ian Auhl. The building is under no known threat and is owned by the National Bank.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION BRANCH RECOMMENDATION: Manager

It is recommended that this item be included on the Register of State Heritage Items, and that it be categorized H3, H2, A2, A3.

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**Context**
Associated with the expansion of the National Bank of Australasia into country areas, the building was one of the Bank's earliest branches in South Australia. As such, it reflects the pre-eminence of Burra as a mining town of major significance between 1845-1877.

**Person/Group**
Associated with the growth and expansion of the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. in South Australia.

**Event**
No known event.

**Architect/Builder**
Thought to be Edmund Wright, Architect (1824-1888). There is some confusion on this point with indirect references to G.E. Hamilton and Roland Rees.

**Design**
An attractive formal two storey building with almost Georgian features, pilasters and cornices, entablature over corner entry, projecting window surrounds.

**Construction**
Generally well built, with coursed rubble stone walls with tuck pointing, corrugated iron hip roofs behind a parapet.

**Interior**
Spacial arrangements intact along with some joinery; fittings and counter are all new, first floor residence not accessible.

**Representation**
An early example of banking premises, not a rare item but a good example, one of the first two National Banks in South Australia.

**Continuity**
Supports the row of civic and commercial buildings in its proximity, as a corner element it is more important in establishing the continuity.

**Local Character**
Supports the general character of Burra, simple lines, two storey scale and corner location enhances its role.

**Landmark**
Corner location and two storey scale on the main northern approach into Market Square creates a simple but notable focal point.

**Alterations**
Externally none, minor additions at the rear, internally upgraded but spacial qualities remain.

**Condition**
No obvious defects.

**Compatibility**
Still used as Banking premises by the National Bank.
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Item | NATIONAL BANK  
     | CNR. OF MARKET ST. AND MT. PLEASANT ROAD  
     | BURRA

Ref. No. | 6639-10007
Prepared By: | Ivar Nelsen   
           | Iris Iwanicki

Supplementary Information

Adaptation: The external form and appearance of the building should be maintained. Restrictions to the rear should be minimal. Internally the Banking Chamber's spacial qualities should be maintained and a sympathetic upgrading of fittings should be encouraged. No restrictions should be placed on the other rooms. A sympathetic trimming of the tree in front would allow better visual access to the building.

Interpretation: The building's interpretative role is basically passive as a traditional element in a pleasant atmosphere. Banking as a theme is not dominant enough in Burra for an independent interpretation.

History and Sources

One of the earliest branches of the National Bank of Australasia in South Australia, the building on Allotment 81 was built in 1861-2. In the same year, the nearby Telegraph and Post Offices were in the process of being amalgamated, involving the demolition of 2 small rooms where the present Post Office stands. The new bank, according to a local correspondent, put the rest of Burra's commercial buildings to shame, and was "a most worthy neighbour" to the Telegraph/Post Office and Mechanic's Institute.

Built at a cost of £1,500 to a design by Edmund Wright (despite the fact that on 11/7/1861, G. & E. Hamilton, architects, called for tenders in the S.A. Register) it was described as follows:-

"It stands on rising ground, facing Market Square, at the bend of Commercial Street, leading to the Institute and Telegraph and Post Offices. It is built of neatly pointed stonework, with stuccoed pilasters, window and door dressings, and is surmounted by a bold cornice, also stuccoed, behind which rises the galvanised iron roof. The interior, though plain, is in keeping with the exterior, and is as replete with every convenience both for the public and the Manager, as it could well be. The accommodation is as follows - Public Room 25 x 20 feet, and fitted with handsome cedar counters, etc; Manager's Room 17 feet x 12 feet, furnished in like manner; strong room, dining room, and drawing room, in addition to good bedrooms, kitchen and other domestic conveniences, besides a large underground tank for rain water at the rear. The private entrance is at the side (the building being situate at the corner of a cross street) and that for the public at the corner".

(S.A. Register, 15/3/1862)

The appearance of the Bank remains very much the same today. Some internal
History and Sources

modifications and rear alterations appear to have occurred, but these have interfered only minimally with the Bank's overall presence in the street. Like many other of the town's more imposing buildings, this was built at the time of the Burra Mine's decline. Nevertheless, it testifies to the importance of the town, and the mine and smelter, to the State's prosperity and development.

Sources:
S.A. Register 11/7/1861
S.A. Register 9/8/1861
S.A. Register 15/3/1862
There has been an increased community awareness of the need to protect those buildings and features of our State which reflect our cultural heritage. The South Australian Government has recognised that awareness by passing the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978, for which the Minister for Environment and Planning is responsible. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Register of State Heritage Items is being compiled.

Where the Minister considers that an item (defined as any land, building or structure) that is not on the Register is part of the physical, social or cultural heritage of the State and that the item is of significant aesthetic, architectural, historical or cultural interest, then the Minister may enter that item on the Register.

Pursuant to the provisions of the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978, I, Don Hopgood, Minister for Environment and Planning and Minister for the time being administering the said Act, hereby give notice that I have entered on the Register of State Heritage Items and the items described in The Schedule hereunder.

Items listed in the Schedule were previously placed on an Interim List in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978. Excepting items owned by the Crown and those within the area of the Corporation of the City of Adelaide, the remaining items listed in The Schedule are subject to Part V of the Planning Act, 1982. That Act requires that no development, including demolition, conversion, alteration of, or addition to any item, is permitted without the written consent of the relevant Planning Authority. Items within the area of the corporation of the City of Adelaide are subject to the provisions of the City of Adelaide Development Control Act, 1976.

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Dated at Adelaide, 8 November 1984.

D. J. HOPGOOD, Minister for Environment and Planning
Burra has a rich heritage of commercial and civic buildings, constructed mostly of local stone, and dating from the early years of the Burra Mine to the early 1900s. The places described below are particularly significant to Burra's (and South Australia's) story, and are State Heritage places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register.

**Drew and Crewe's Store and Outbuilding**
21 Commercial Street, Burra
SAHR 14426 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 23 April 1992

The Drew family erected this building in 1880 as a general store in Burra. The firm was originally established as Samuel Drew and Company in 1848 and it appears that there were four brothers involved in the business – Samuel, John, Charles and Thomas. In 1889 John Drew took over and entered into partnership with Mr E.W. Crewes. Trading as 'Drew and Crewes' they continued to supply a wide range of household goods, as well as chaff, lucerne, seeds, galvanised iron and tar to the region. By 1909 the firm was recognised as a prosperous business – the largest of its kind outside of Adelaide. Drew & Crewes continued trading until 1938.

**National Bank**
1 Market Street
SAHR 10007 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 8 November 1984

The first bank in Burra was a temporary branch of the National Bank that opened in Kooringa in 1859. Until that time payment at the mine was made by money orders. This building was completed in 1862 and is one of South Australia’s earliest offices for the National Bank of Australasia. Its formal style, with Georgian features, reflects Burra’s prosperity as a mining town at that time, and was built at a cost of £1,500, possibly to a design by Edmund Wright.

The South Australian Register [15 March 1862] provided a detailed description of the new building:

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