

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**W Johnson Bootmakers Shop/Residence (former)**

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**Location:**

335 Main Street, Lilydale VIC 3140 - Property No 4212

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

Listing Authority: HI

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO203**

**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant? The property at 335 Main Street, Lilydale (otherwise known as the Former W. Johnston Bootmakers Shop and Residence) is significant. The form, scale, setback and detailing of the substantial c.1880- 1882 Late Victorian commercial building is of local significance. The signage on the facade, as well as the ground floor window frames, window awnings and air conditioning unit are not significant, along with other later alterations and additions.

How is it significant? The Former W. Johnston Bootmakers Shop and Residence is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the township of Lilydale.

Why is it significant? This two-storey double-fronted substantially intact brick shop/residence has high local significance as one of the older shop buildings in Lilydale's Main Street, retaining many of its Victorian features from the time when William Johnston, bootmaker, opened his business there in about 1881.

The Former W. Johnston Bootmakers Shop and Residence is historically significant to the township of Lilydale as a remnant example of a Late Victorian commercial premises from a key period of development and commerce in Lilydale, having continually operated from when William Johnston, bootmaker, opened his business there between 1880-1882. (Criterion A) The structure is aesthetically significant as an intact Late Victorian shop. The physical elements contributing to the aesthetic significance of the site include the rectilinear form, setback, stucco render, original windows to the first floor level, timber door, parapet with moulded string course, double hipped roof form, and profiled chimney. (Criterion E)

## Description

This double storey, brick shop occupies a prominent corner position in Main Street. The main façade of the building retains its central doorway, with a shop window either side (these were once triple-fronted but are now single panes set in timber-frames). Above, there are two double-hung sash windows. The façade is very plain, with a moulded string course on the parapet the only decoration. To the rear is a timber skillion structure. Overall, the building appears little altered, with the painting of the brickwork the most dominant change.

Good

Minor Modifications

Heritage Study / Consultant	Yarra Ranges - Shire of Yarra Ranges Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2000
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	115449
Property number	4212

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