

Victorian Heritage Database Report

# Oliver's Grocery Store/Lilydale Rural Supplies Shop

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**Location:**

148-154 Main Street, LILYDALE VIC 3140 - Property No 4327

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Included in Heritage Overlay

**Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:**

**Listing Authority:** HI

**Heritage Overlay Number:** HO205

**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant? The property at 148 Main Street, Lilydale (otherwise known as the Oliver's Grocery Store / Lilydale Rural Supplies Shop (former)) is significant. The form, scale and original detailing of the early 20th shop is of local significance. The ground shop front and rear extension beyond the gabled roof are not significant.

How is it significant? The Oliver's Grocery Store / Lilydale Rural Supplies Shop (former) is of local historical

and aesthetic significance to the township of Lilydale and Yarra Ranges Council more broadly.

Why is it significant? This small double-fronted brick shop, once with a long front verandah, has high local significance as an important local business in Lilydale's Main Street. Oliver's Grocery Store operated there for half a century, from 1914 until 1965, carrying on a family business typical of the period. The Cathcart family have owned the building since the mid-1920s.

The Oliver's Grocery Store / Lilydale Rural Supplies Shop (former) is historically significant to the township of Lilydale as a remnant example of an early 20th century commercial premises from a key period of development and commerce in Lilydale. Oliver's Grocery Store operated from 1914 until 1965, functioning as a family business typical of the period. The Cathcart family owned the building from the mid-1920s through to the 21st century. (Criterion A) The Oliver's Grocery Store / Lilydale Rural Supplies Shop (former) is aesthetically significant an early 20th century commercial premises that retains some key features including the double gable parapet, moulded sill course, precast consoles and urns. (Criterion E)

## Description

Lilydale Rural Supplies is a single storey, double-fronted shop, retaining the character of the nineteenth century shop externally and internally. Much of the external detailing - parapets and mouldings- remain although the verandah has been removed. Because of its corner position, the side and rear elevations of the building are also important elements that contribute to its character. The shop windows have probably changed over time, however, the current form with its recessed doorways is sympathetic to the age and style of the building. Externally, the face brickwork and tiled sections below the shop windows have been painted. The upper section of the façade (above verandah level) are rendered and are also painted.

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	115490
Property number	4327

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