

Victorian Heritage Database Report
STORE AND RESIDENCE (CURVED ROOF)



Location:

95 Whyte Street, COLERAINE VIC 3315 - Property No 104

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Stage 2 Heritage Study Complete

Statement of Significance:

What is significant?

The store and residence at 95 Whyte Street is a good representative example of a timber shop and residence constructed by a tinsmith in the early 1870s. The store and residence are both single storey timber structures, with a corrugated iron barrel vault roof. The residence is located at the rear of the store, which faces Whyte Street. Both buildings, especially the barrel vault roof demonstrate the tinsmith's trade skill in its design and construction. The tinsmith who built the store and residence was Ferdinand Habermann, who operated the store until 1873, when it was sold to William George Thurman, who was Shire President from 1873 -1911, whose wife Annie ran the store as "Thurman's Bazaar" until 1911, when a Miss Friend took over. The store has also housed one of the few Chinese grocer's in the township, Louey Sing for a period in the first half of the twentieth century. The store and residence have been somewhat altered and enlarged, but retain a high degree of integrity upto the interwar period.

How is it significant?

The store and residence at 95 Whyte Street Coleraine is of historical and aesthetic significance to the township of Coleraine.

Why is it significant?

The store and residence at 95 Whyte Street is historically important as a reminder of the building's previous commercial activity, as a tinsmith. It is of further interest that Ferdinand Habermann, a tinsmith chose to build this particular barrel vaulted roof structure for his own store and residence, which has made an aesthetic impact on the streetscape of Coleraine, being unlike the more traditional straight roof lines which surround it. The store and residence are of further historical significance for the long association as Thurman's Bazaar, run by Annie and William Thurman for over thirty years, the Thurman's being important local people who were strongly involved in the community for a long period of time. The store is of particular aesthetic interest for the landmark contribution it makes to the main streetscape with its distinctive curved roof appearance.

Description

The front of the shop has been altered several times to increase the size of display windows. The verandah, although old, is not the original. The building is in good to fair condition. Paint is peeling on many timber surfaces, and the verandah supports are uneven.

The store and residence at 95 Whyte Street, Coleraine is located on the southern side of the main road through Coleraine, on part of allotment 8 of Section 9.

Both the store and residence are constructed of timber, with corrugated iron roofs. The store has a barrel vaulted corrugated iron roof running parallel with Whyte Street (east-west). An attached timber and corrugated iron bull nose verandah runs across the front facade. An early photograph shows the original facade, with a residence located on the east side of the store. The store has expanded to include part of the original residence. The original east window has been removed, and new shopfront windows and entry have been installed. The original straight profile verandah has been replaced by the present bullnose one across the facade.

Corrugated iron and timber awnings are located over the side windows, and small windows, previously boarded up, have been reopened near the apex of the roof.

Inside, the two roomed shop walls and ceiling are lined with a variety of pressed metal panels. The east shopfront window has a large, plain display cabinet with several doors providing access to the display space.

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.19 Marketing and retailing

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Second Hand Shop

High degree of integrity, both exteriors and interiors are still quite intact upto interwar period.

Ferdinand Haberman, tinsmith

William Thurman, Wannon Shire Secretary

Annie Thurman

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Construction Date Range	1872 -
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE
Other names	
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Property number	104

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