

**Heritage Item #**

MI Reference: 38 HCWA No: 1868	Place Name: Australasia Bank (fmr)	Other Name/s: Mayberry, Hammond & Co Solicitors
		Date of Review: September 2021



Address: 85 Fitzgerald Street East, Northam	Lot No: 49 Property Key: Plan Diagram: D3029 Vol Folio: 1557/581 Assess No: A11019
Locality: Northam	GPS:
Current Use: Solicitors Office	Original Use(s): Bank
<b>HERITAGE LISTINGS</b>	
Listings: Statewide Bank Survey	
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	
Date of Construction: 1918	
Architect / Builder:	
Architectural Style: Federation Free Classical, Inter-War Free Classical	
<b>PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b>	
<p>Description:</p> <p>Australasia Bank (fmr), located at 85 Fitzgerald Street East, is a two-storey face brick and rendered building with a corrugated short sheet steel hip roof displaying characteristics of the Federation Free Classical style of architecture. The building has a symmetrical form with a zero-setback addressing the street. The roof has four rendered and corbelled chimneys with timber battening to the eaves and timber eave brackets at the corners. The building has a first-floor verandah supported by large rendered columns.</p> <p>A dominant central section is set forward of the main building line and contains a triangular pediment with a central arched opening to the first floor addressing the street. The verandah is enclosed by a concrete balustrade with rendered keystones. The central section of the ground floor has decorative rendered quoining and keystone to the arched entryway. Rendered quoins are located to the ground floor corners with a decorative rendered band below the first-floor verandah.</p> <p>The entrance is recessed and raised and is accessed by a set of concrete steps. The front timber double doors have a glazed arched highlight. The windows are timber framed double hung with rendered surrounds and a central keystone.</p>	

A rendered band extends along the front façade at sill level. The building sits on a rendered plinth with terracotta vents to the side elevations. Double hung timber windows with arched heads extend along the northern elevation as well as a painted sign that reads:
MAYBERRY HAMMOND & CO. BARRISTERS • SOLICITORS
There is a small deciduous tree to the footpath.
Condition: Good
<b>HISTORICAL</b>
Notes: This building was constructed in 1918 on the same site as the previous Bank of Australasia building purchased in 1910. The new building cost £3,300. In 1943, a decision was made to close the Northam branch of the bank and the premises were sold to Goldsborough Mort and Co for only £1,500. The loss was because 'such properties in country towns were very hard to sell', according to the Superintendent.
Theme: Commercial & service industries
Associations:
Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan:
Public Access: Yes (limited)
<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b>
Level of Integrity: Medium
Level of Authenticity: High
Statement of Significance:
Australasia Bank (fmr) is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The place has aesthetic significance, and is an imposing example of the Federation Free Classical style of architecture that positively contributes to the streetscape of the main commercial street of Northam.</li> </ul>
Level of Significance: Considerable
Heritage Category: 2

Additional Photographs



West Façade  
Source: Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2012



West Facade  
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects September 2021



Central bay with pediment  
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects September 2021



"Mayberry Hammond & Co. Barristers Solicitors" painted to the side  
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects September 2021



Ground Floor entry  
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects September 2021



Name Plaque  
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects September 2021