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Name: The Madsen B&B (former Bank)
Status: Permanently Registered
Tier: State

THR ID Number: 10929
Municipality: Central Coast Council
Date Listed: 18/04/2007

Location Addresses

64 MAIN RD, PENGUIN 7316 TAS

Title References

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Property Id

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Setting: 64 Main Road Penguin is a substantial two storey early C20th brick building that was formerly a bank and has been adapted into Bed and Breakfast Accommodation. The combination of being one of the tallest buildings at this end of the commercial business district, with the front facade occurring at the front boundary/footpath, result in 64 Main Road being a prominent landmark within the township. The building overlooks the Esplanade reserve and Penguin Beach opposite, with expansive ocean views.

Access driveways are located on the northern and southern side of the building. The property backs onto the railway line at the rear of the building that runs along Crescent Street. Garages and Sheds are located at the rear of the property.

Description: The main building is a fine example of a 2-storey Federation style bank with residence over. General stylistic features demonstrated include the parapet with a central triangular pediment and orb forms at each end, the overall building form and layout of doors and windows including the reduced window area at the first floor compared to the ground floor, and the imitation horizontal block joints in the ground floor section of the facade. The building exterior appears to be predominantly intact. Notable changes include the apparent replacement of an original entry door in the front facade with a window panel to match the other openings (possibly all 3 openings were modified together), construction of a glass-front, tiled roof addition on the left side of the building setback toward the rear, and removal of a 'Commercial Bank'.

History: The land known as 64 Main Road Penguin was part of land originally granted to Lewis Grant in 1862 for the sum of 27pounds and remained in his ownership until 1885 when John Henry Brown, a mining engineer, purchased part of the property and erected a house. He was the owner occupier until he leased the house to Mrs Mitchell in 1897. On the death of Brown the property was sold to Thomas Yaxley, a farmer in 1901-2 who in turn sold it to Albert Frost, a storekeeper from Boat Harbour, in 1903. By 1905 a house and shop on the land were valued at 500pound. Frost leased the house to Mr N Shepherd and in the following year to M Stocks until he moved in himself in 1906. In 1907 the Assessment Rolls refer to a Bank and house on the property leased by the National Bank of Tasmania (R Pullen was the manager). In 1910 Frost sold the property to John Luck, a miller in Devonport who then sold it to the National Bank in 1911. The existing building could date from as early as 1907, but is more likely to date from 1911-14. Some records indicate part of property section 8) containing a house and shop was leased to GS Richardson in 1912, and subsequently purchased by same in 1914. As GS Richardson is recorded as owning the adjoining premise at 66 inclusive of a house and motor garage around this time, the titles for 64 and 66 may have once been consolidated and/or the boundaries changed at this time.

In 1919 the National Bank went into liquidation and the building was sold to the Commercial Bank of Australia. (Buildings past and present Penguin Main Road :2007, p. 11.).

In 1920 A Paterson was listed as occupying the bank suggesting that the Bank Manager lived on the

premises upstairs followed by Drake (Manager) in 1928, HA Rowe in 1930 and GA McLean in 1939. (HTG). "In 1982 the Commercial Bank was taken over by the Westpac Bank and used as their banking premises until 1985 when they moved next door (62 main road). The building was then altered to become a private dwelling and is currently a bed and breakfast house and coffee shop ." (Buildings past and present Penguin Main Road :2007, p. 11.).

Statement of No Statement is provided for places listed prior to 2007

Significance:
(non-statutory
summary)

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The Heritage Council may enter a place in the Heritage Register if it meets one or more of the following criteria from the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995:

a) The place is important to the course or pattern of Tasmania's history.

The building at 64 Main Street, Penguin is of historic cultural heritage significance as it is important in demonstrating the evolutionary pattern of the Central Coast Council district. Constructed as a bank and manager's residence in response to the commercial demand of the early C20th, the style and construction quality reflect the ambience that was required from a financial institution of the period. its demise as a bank after 70 years of operation reflects the late C20th centralisation of banking facilities following improvements in transport, whilst the new use reflects the late C20th growth in State tourism.

b) The place possesses uncommon or rare aspects of Tasmania's history.

c) The place has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Tasmania's history.

d) The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of place in Tasmania's history.

64 Main Road, Penguin is of historic cultural heritage significance because it is important as a representative in demonstrating the characteristics of a broader class of cultural places. Through its form, materials and detailing it has the ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a moderately-sized Federation bank with manager's residence on the upper floor. The combination of its height, Federation style and location overlooking the waterfront make it one of the more notable built landmarks within the Penguin township.

e) The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement.

f) The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons.

64 Main Road, Penguin is of local community value as a place of commercial banking and social interaction for 70 years. This building is identified in Buildings Past & Present, Exhibition and Book published by Penguin Historical Group and has featured in historical Walks within the community .

g) The place has a special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Tasmania's history.

h) The place is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.

PLEASE NOTE This data sheet is intended to provide sufficient information and justification for listing the place on the Heritage Register. Under the legislation, only one of the criteria needs to be met. The data sheet is not intended to be a comprehensive inventory of the heritage values of the place, there may be other heritage values of interest to the Heritage Council not currently acknowledged.