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Main Street Precinct, Palmwoods

Significance

- (a) **Historical**
The precinct is historically significant as the first commercial and residential area of Palmwoods. Developed from 1891 when the railway arrived, the precinct demonstrates the growth of a railway town as a farm service center. Although the business enterprises in the shops of the precinct have changed, the external appearance of the buildings remain largely unaltered.
- (b) **Rarity**
This intact precinct of historic commercial buildings with minimal redevelopment is rare in the shire.
- (c) **Potential to yield Information**
Further study would provide a better understanding of social significance and its link to built form.
- (d) **Representativeness**
Good example of 20th century buildings in a small country town, especially the former ES&A bank and residence, the hotel and the hall.
- (e) **Aesthetic**
The intact, well maintained historic buildings with minimal redevelopment contribute aesthetic values that enrich the character of this area of Palmwoods.
- (f) **Creative or Technical Achievement**
Original building techniques are evident.
- (g) **Special association**
Strong social values with the local community since the settlement of Palmwoods.
- (h) **Association with a person**
Early shopowners: J O Meise, McBarron, Walter S Collins and Sir Francis Nicklin (local MLA and Queensland Premier).
- (i) **Streetscape value**
Core. The row of shops is arguably one of the best of its type in the shire due to its intactness and high aesthetic value.

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