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# Eric F.H. Thomson Sports Reserve and brick gate piers, 42-58 Brunel Street, GREAT WESTERN



GW 02 - Shire of Northern  
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage  
Study, 2004

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## Location

42-58 Brunel Street GREAT WESTERN, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The Eric F.H. Thomson Sports Reserve, 42-58 Brunel Street, Great Western, has significance as an important historical and social recreational location in the township. The reserve was established in 1915 as a result of the formation of the Great Western Garden and Park Reserve Committee in 1914. The sports ground was developed soon after. Both the reserve and gate piers (particularly the plaque) have significance as a memorial to Eric F.H. Thomson. The Thomson family were well known and highly successful vine growers and wine makers at the Concongella vineyard in the 20th century, producing "Bests Great Western Wines".

The Eric F.H. Thomson Sports Reserve and brick gate piers, Great Western, are **historically** and **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The reserve is associated with the establishment of the Great Western Garden and Park Reserve in 1914 and the subsequent development of a sporting oval and associated recreational buildings and areas. Both the reserve and gate piers are associated with and commemorate the contribution of Eric F.H. Thomson, local vine grower and wine maker of the famous Concongella vineyard at Great Western.

Overall, the Eric F.H. Thomson Sports Reserve and brick gate piers in Brunel Street, Great Western, are of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The Eric F.H. Thomson Sports Reserve and brick gate piers are located in Brunel Street, Great Western on a large allotment of land immediately west of the former Methodist Church (later Uniting).

The large grassed sports reserve has a recent pavilion building to the east, with a cypress hedge along the southern boundary.

The memorial gate piers are constructed of unpainted red brick, with incised vertical panels and corbelled tops. The left pier has a commemorative plaque that reads:

Eric F.H. Thomson

Sports Reserve

1992

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