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# Navarre Oval Grandstand, 47 Cambridge Street, NAVARRE



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## Location

47 Cambridge Street NAVARRE, 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 Navarre oval and grandstand, 47 Cambridge Street, Navarre, has significance as a surviving example of the original recreation reserve set aside in 1866 and as a predominantly intact example of an interwar grandstand structure. Built by James Whitley of Avoca in 1924 to a design by J. Irwin, architect of Ararat, the grandstand appears to be in good-fair condition.

The Navarre oval, 47 Cambridge Street, is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates important visual qualities that include the open grassed sports ground and perimeter eucalypts which establish an important rural setting for the grandstand.

The Navarre grandstand, 47 Cambridge Street, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities for a grandstand structure built during the interwar period. These qualities include the shallow gabled roof form supported by elongated timber columns with large timber brackets, regular system of structural roof beams that connect with the columns, tiered timber seating that meets the raised ground level at the front, timber balustrades at the sides, side and rear horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, side single door openings, elongated timber flagpoles on the gable ends and the horizontal timber weatherboard gable infill.

Overall, the Navarre oval and grandstand, 47 Cambridge Street, Navarre, are of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The Navarre Oval, 47 Cambridge Street, Navarre, consists of an open grassed sports ground (which also appears to reflect the remnant portion of the original race course), an early grandstand and later skillion clubrooms and toilets. Eucalypts are situated about the perimeter of the oval.

Apart from the grassed sports ground, of particular significance is the interwar Grandstand that has a shallow gabled roof form supported by elongated timber columns with large timber brackets. The roof has a regular system of structural beams that connect with the columns. There is early tiered timber seating that meets the raised ground level at the front. At the sides are timber balustrades below which are horizontal timber weatherboard walls and single door openings.

Another feature of the design are the elongated timber flagpoles on the gable ends. These gable ends have horizontal timber weatherboard infill.

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