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# Rotunda, CA 3 Sec R1 Cnr McMahon & Millett Streets, ST ARNAUD



SD 116 - Shire of Northern  
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage  
Study, 2004

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## Location

CA 3 Sec R1 Cnr McMahon & Millett Streets ST ARNAUD, 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 former Lord Nelson Miner's Band Rotunda, corner of McMahon and Millett Streets, St. Arnaud, has significance for its association with the establishment of a successful local band whose members included several miners of the Lord Nelson Mine. Lead of the Mine Manager Zebina Lane, the inclusion of several miners reduced the number of strikes at the mine. The Band gave Saturday afternoon recitals in Market Square from 1866 and in 1900 it won the Australasian Championship at Ballarat as well as other competitions. Possibly built after 1889, the Lord Nelson Miner's Band Rotunda was relocated to its current site in 1916 and used as the Club House for the local Croquet Club. Although considerably altered, the original hexagonal form, pitched roof and unsawn log posts are intact.

The former Lord Nelson Miner's Band Rotunda, corner of McMahon and Millett Streets, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the establishment of the Lord Nelson Miner's Band in the 19th century. Originally known as the St. Arnaud Town Band which gave Saturday afternoon recitals in Market Square from 1866, the Mine Manager Zebina Lane was elected the band's president in 1889 and it was from that time when the band took on the name of the Lord Nelson Mine. Successful in competition, including the Australasian Championship at Ballarat in 1900, a number of miners were members of the Band and this reduced the number of strikes at the mine. The Rotunda appears to have been built after 1889. It was relocated to its current site in 1916 where it has had associations with the local Croquet Club, being used as its Club House.

The Lord Nelson Miner's Band Rotunda, corner of McMahon and Millett Streets, has architectural interest. Although considerably altered, the hexagonal layout, pitched roof form clad and unsawn log posts demonstrate the surviving qualities of the structure.

Overall, the Lord Nelson Miner's Band Rotunda, corner of McMahon and Millett Streets, is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The modestly scaled, rudimentary, hexagonal Late Victorian styled former Lord Nelson Miner's Band Rotunda at the corner of McMahon and Millett Streets, St. Arnaud, has been considerably altered. It has an early pitched green-painted galvanised corrugated iron roof that is supported by six unsawn timber posts. The infill wall partitions have been introduced and consist of timber lattice screens and cement sheet cladding with tinted timber framed windows.

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