
Athletics Memorial Fountain, Formerly in Gold Reef Mall (in front of No. 138 Main Street), STAWELL



SL 219 - Athletics Memorial Fountain

Location

138 Main Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 15, 2004

The Athletics Fountain, Gold Reef Mall, has significance as a celebration and commemoration of the achievements of the Stawell Athletic Club founded in 1877. Erected in 1977 as part of the centenary celebrations, the fountain represented one component of a major redevelopment of the upper end of Main Street into the Gold Reef Mall. The fountain was relocated in 2004.

The Athletics Fountain is **historically** and **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development and success of the Stawell Athletics Club that was founded in 1877. The Club established an annual athletic carnival at Easter known as the Stawell Gift. Since the 19th century, the Stawell Gift has become Australia's premier short distance professional running race, giving the town prestige and injecting much-needed

income. The fountain is recognised by the community as valued symbol of the Stawell Athletic Club's achievements between 1877 and 1977.

Overall, the Athletics Fountain is of **LOCAL** significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
Hermes Number	112507
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Athletics Fountain is set in the centre of the Gold Reef Mall. The tapered, pylon is constructed of smooth-finished Stawell stone with flanking terrace stone cascades and three elongated ponds that surrounds the fountain.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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