
Former Bank of Victoria and Stables, 163 Main Street, STAWELL



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SL 227a - Stawell Historical Society Collection.

Location

163 Main Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

The former Bank of Victoria at 163 Main Street, Stawell, makes a significant contribution to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly 19th and early 20th century commercial streetscape. The stables at the rear also contribute to the architectural amenity of the place. The former bank has significance as an important legacy of the financial institutions established in the town in the 19th century as a result of the prosperity of the gold rush. In particular, this building was constructed in 1871 for the Bank of Victoria. The building is in good condition and is largely intact from the exterior.

The former Bank of Victoria building, 163 Main Street, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Conservative Classical style. These qualities include the simple rectangular form and a three-bayed composition of window openings. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the two storey height, unpainted red brick wall construction, masonry base, arched ground floor openings with simple drip moulds supported by simple impost moulds, arched timber framed double hung ground floor windows, timber framed fanlight to original ground floor doorway, recessed wall panels below the ground floor windows, simple rendered stringcourse, first floor rectangular windows with moulded architraves and projecting rendered sills supported by small brackets, minor rendered stringcourse at first floor window sill height, large plain rendered entablature, widely projecting and dentillated cornice and parapet, and the brick chimney with a projecting cornice. The rear stables also contribute to the architectural significance of the place. The former Bank of Victoria building, 163 Main Street, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the Bank of Victoria from 1871 until at least the late 19th century. Overall, the former Bank of Victoria building, 163 Main Street, is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; Stawell Main Street Precinct peer review, Landmark Heritage PL, 2024;
Hermes Number	112515
Property Number	

Physical Conditions

The former Bank of Victoria building, 163 Main Street, Stawell, makes an important architectural and visual contribution to the streetscape of predominantly 19th century building forms. The building remains today as an important legacy of the financial institutions established in town in the 19th century.

The two storey, unpainted red brick, Victorian Conservative Classical styled former Bank of Victoria building is characterised by a simple rectangular form and a three-bayed composition of window openings. The building has a masonry base with the ground floor facade accentuated by arched openings have simple drip moulds supported by equally simple impost moulds. Two of the openings have early arched timber framed double hung windows with recessed panels below. The end opening appears to have originally been a doorway with a timber framed fanlight, and now has an introduced timber framed and glazed door.

A simple rendered stringcourse separates the ground and floor first facades. The first floor rectangular windows have moulded architraves with projecting rendered sills supported by small brackets. Another minor rendered stringcourse envelopes the building at sill height.

The building is crowned by a large, plain rendered entablature above which is a widely projecting and dentillated cornice and parapet. An early brick chimney with a projecting cornice adorns the roofline.

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