
Major Mitchell Memorial



26510 Major Mitchell Memorial

Location

cnr Alexandra Parade and Brown St HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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SIGNIFICANCE:

Marks the centenary of the passing of Major Mitchell through what was to become Hamilton.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Major Mitchell Memorial
corner of Alexandra Parade and Brown Street

This memorial was erected to mark the centenary of Major Mitchell passing through what was to become Hamilton, and making camp nearby, on 12 September 1936 on his exploration of the south west of the Port Phillip District. ([i]) The tablet on the memorial says that it was erected on 15 March 1937 and the centenary passed "with a small ceremony". ([ii]) The arrow at the top of the memorial is pointing to Sydney for the explorer had already turned to go home. The structure, one of many across the state which mark Major Mitchell's progress and as part of the state's centenary, is built from mixed rubble and takes the form of a truncated obelisk with faint reference to the Neo-classical style in its simplicity of detail. It is significantly intact and in good condition.

[i] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 7-10.

[ii] Ibid, p 222.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1937,
Hermes Number	26510
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: none

Walls: random stone

Dressings: none

Plinth: concrete

Windows: none

Paving: concrete

Other: bronze arrow on top

NOTABLE FEATURES:

simple form and prominent location

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Early Exploration: Major Mitchell

Evolution of the Town: 1930s, centenary

Integrity

Integrity: E

Physical Conditions

Conditions: G

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