
St. Arnaud Bowling Club, 1-9 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 124 - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, 2004



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Location

1-9 Napier Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The St. Arnaud Bowling Greens and Pavilion, 1-9 Napier Street, make a significant aesthetic contribution to the local area. The early and mature trees of the gardens form an important aesthetic backdrop and contributes to the setting of the Bowling Greens site. Established in 1885, the bowling greens have served the St. Arnaud community for over 100 years.

The St. Arnaud Bowling Greens are **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. They demonstrate important and intact visual qualities and features that include the large rectangular manicured grassed area, hedge to the west and a timber picket fence to the north. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the galvanised corrugated iron roofed shelter supported on timber posts, timber flagpole at the south-east corner, and perimeter seating.

The St. Arnaud Bowling Pavilion is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates important interwar design qualities that include the single storey height, horizontal weatherboard and fibro cement wall construction, hipped roof form and galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding painted green. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the wide eaves and exposed timber rafters, horizontal bank of fixed timber framed windows, timber framed double hung window and other timber framed windows.

The St. Arnaud Bowling Greens and Pavilion are **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. They are associated with the reserve gazetted for 'Public Purposes' in 1873, with the decision to establish an 'Ornamental Garden' on the reserve (the present Queen Mary Gardens) in 1884, and more particularly with the Council's grant of a portion of the reserve to the St. Arnaud Bowling Club in 1885.

The St. Arnaud Bowling Greens and Pavilion are **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. They are recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community for recreational reasons.

Overall, the St. Arnaud Bowling Greens and Pavilion are 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;
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Physical Description 1

The St. Arnaud Bowling Greens and Pavilion are situated at 1-9 Napier Street and take up the south-east corner of the public reserve comprising the Queen Mary Gardens. Large mature and exotic trees form a highly visible boundary between the Gardens and the Bowling Greens.

The St. Arnaud Bowling Greens site is comprised of a large rectangular manicured grassed area bound by an introduced steel mesh fence to the south and east, hedge to the west and a timber picket fence to the north. These fences and hedge are approximately 1.2 - 1.5 metres high, and there is a galvanised corrugated iron roofed shelter supported on timber posts immediately south of the picket fence. In addition to the fences, are introduced elongated lights on steel poles, round galvanised steel water tank at the south-west corner, timber flagpole at the south-east corner, and perimeter seating.

The single storey, horizontal weatherboard and fibro cement interwar bowling pavilion is situated to the north of the bowling greens. It is rectangular in form and has a hipped roof clad in galvanised corrugated iron painted green. The eaves have wide overhangs and exposed timber rafters. The south facade (facing the bowling greens) has a single introduced flush panel timber door and a horizontal bank of fixed timber framed windows. An early timber framed double hung window is located at the other end (east end), with a timber framed window also situated on the north facade.

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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