
Prospectors Monument, 8669 Wimmera Highway, ST ARNAUD EAST



SD 250 - Prospectors Monument, St Arnaud Bendigo Road, ST ARNAUD

Location

8669 Wimmera Highway ST ARNAUD EAST, 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 - August 18, 2004

The Gold Prospectors Monument, 8669 Wimmera Highway, St. Arnaud East, has significance as a memorial to the first gold prospectors in the area in 1854. The memorial is largely intact.

The Gold Prospectors Monument is **historically** and **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the initial gold prospecting developments in the northern area of St. Arnaud from 1854, and is recognised and valued by the local St. Arnaud community for these reasons.

Overall, the Gold Prospectors Monument is of **LOCAL** significance.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; |
| Hermes Number | 111795 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The Gold Prospector's Monument is situated off the St. Arnaud-Bendigo Road at St. Arnaud North.

Physical Description 2

This monument is formed by a truncated masonry pyramid with dark stone veneer cladding and an arrow fixed to the top pointing in the direction of the creek where gold was first prospected in the district in 1854. A stone tablet inset into the memorial is inscribed with the names of the prospectors and of the donor:

REMEMBRANCE

FREDERICK DUTTON

ROBERT GRIFFIN

RICHARD HIGGS

DAVID PILCHARD

FREDERICK STEWARD

SAMUEL SCOTT CEARNS

THOMAS WEMBRIDGE

FIRST PROSPECTORS FOR GOLD

CAMPED ON THIS CREEK

DECEMBER 25th 1854

ERECTED BY MR. & MRS. READ

ST. ARNAUD

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