
Former Powder Magazine, Church Street, STAWELL



SL 045 - Former Powder Magazine

Location

Church Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO9

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The powder magazine, Church Street, Stawell, has significance as a relatively intact example of a 19th century brick powder magazine structure used to house blasting powder for the local gold mining operators. Built in c.1875, the structure appears to be in fair condition, with some minor brick cracking and deterioration in a corner.

The powder magazine, Church Street, Stawell, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities that were typical for rudimentary 19th century magazine structures. These qualities

include cement rendered barrel vaulted roof form and the face brick wall construction. Other intact qualities include the shallow arched doorway, vertically boarded timber door, and the brick voussoirs.

The powder magazine, Church Street, Stawell, is **historically** and **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the gold rush in Stawell in the 1870s, and particularly with Thomas Brown, ironmonger and timber merchant. He instigated construction of the magazine to store blasting powder for the local mining operators in c.1870. The magazine is also recognised and valued by the local community as a physical legacy of the prosperous gold era in Stawell.

Overall, the powder magazine, Church Street, Stawell, 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;

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Physical Description 1

The powder magazine in Church Street, Stawell, is set within a brick paved area bound by an introduced timber picket fence that is approximately 1200 mm high.

The rudimentary, face brick powder magazine structure is characterised by a cement rendered barrel vaulted roof form. There is a shallow arched doorway at one end with an early vertically boarded timber door. Other early features include the three courses of brick voussoirs at the ends of the barrel vault, and the two courses of brick voussoirs forming the door head.

There is evidence of some deterioration in the brickwork, particularly on one of the corners and in the wall cracks.

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