
Fred Crouch & Sons, Funeral Parlour, 42A Main Street, STAWELL



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Location

42A Main Street STAWELL, 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 - July 15, 2004

The Funeral Parlour at 42A Main Street, Stawell, has significance as a moderately intact example of a Victorian style, and for its long associations as a Funeral Parlour operated for over 100 years by the Crouch family.

The Funeral Parlour at 42A Main Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although relocated and partially altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the rectangular form with its simple pitched roof behind the front parapet that features a central rudimentary parapet adorned with a decorative moulding at its apex. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, dentillated cornice flanked by fluted consoles having round vermiculated round-arched heads, and the

plain front facade, timber framed double hung window opening, and the single doorway.

The Funeral Parlour at 42A Main Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the undertaking business established by Henry Crouch in 1857 and continued by members of the Crouch family until at least the 1970s. Other family members involved in carrying out the business include Fred Crouch senior between the early 1880s and 1944, and Fred Crouch junior from 1944 until 1970.

The Funeral Parlour at 42A Main Street is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised by sections of the Stawell community for cultural reasons.

Overall, the Funeral Parlour at 42A 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;
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Physical Description 1

The Funeral Parlour at 42A Main Street, Stawell, is set on the front property bound and takes up the bulk of the site.

The single storey, stuccoed, Victorian styled Funeral Parlour building is characterised by a rectangular form, having a simple pitched roof behind a front parapet that features a central rudimentary parapet adorned with a decorative moulding at its apex. Below the pediment is a projecting dentillated cornice that is flanked by fluted consoles having round vermiculated round-arched heads.

The remainder of the front facade is plain, accentuated only by a timber framed double hung window opening, altered/introduced pointed arched window opening and a single doorway having an introduced timber and glazed door and introduced hood above.

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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