
Two storey building (former T. Brown Furniture Warehouse), 113-115 Main Street, STAWELL



SL 208 - Two-storey building
- former T. Brown Furniture
Warehouse

Location

113-115 MAIN STREET STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 10, 2024

What is significant?

This property has been reviewed as part of the Stawell Main Street Precinct in 2024, and its heritage category is now Contributory.

How is it significant?

The property is Contributory to the precinct.

Why is it significant?

Text from the 2004 heritage study:

The building at 113-117 Main Street, Stawell, makes a significant contribution to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly 19th and early 20th century commercial streetscape. The form and rear section of the building also contribute to the architectural amenity of the area. Built in 1873 to a design by the Melbourne and Stawell architect, George Inskip, for Thomas Brown, ironmonger, timber merchant and mine owner, the building was described at the time as being the largest commercial premises in Stawell.

The building at 113-117 Main Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the balustraded parapet with central solid title panel (now blank) and flanking parapet piers, broadly projecting parapet stringcourse, and the three-bayed first floor composition featuring round-arched timber framed double hung windows. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, two storey height, rendered and face brick wall construction, first floor window architraves punctuated by keystones, projecting first floor stringcourse, first floor square pilasters on the building corners with incised rectangular panels, moulded stringcourse below the first floor windows and the remnants of pilasters that provide evidence of the original ground floor composition. The gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron, rear parapeted and corbelled brick wall and side walls, rear timber framed double hung windows and the oculus ventilator in the gable end also contribute to the significance of the place.

The building at 113-117 Main Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commercial developments in Stawell in the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this building has associations with Thomas Brown, mine owner, ironmonger, timber merchant and original owner who instigated construction in 1873. The building also has associations with the Melbourne and Stawell architect, George Inskip, and with Wright, Pawsey and Mitchell, ironmongers, timber merchants and owners from c.1879 until the early 20th century.

Overall, the building at 113-117 Main Street 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; |
| Other Names | T. Brown Furniture Warehouse, |
| Hermes Number | 112496 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The building at 113-117 Main Street, Stawell, contributes to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly Victorian and interwar streetscape.

The symmetrical, two storey, rendered and face brick, Victorian styled building is characterised by an early balustraded parapet with a central solid title panel (now blank) and flanking parapet piers, the whole supported by a broadly projecting stringcourse.

The first floor is also largely intact and has a three-bayed composition featuring early round-arched timber framed double hung windows (with the windows in the outer bays being grouped in pairs). These windows also feature early architraves punctuated by keystones. There is also a projecting stringcourse that is broken by the window arches, together with flanking square pilasters on the building corners with incised rectangular panels. Below the windows is a moulded stringcourse and the remnants of early pilasters that provides evidence of the original ground floor composition.

The projecting cantilevering canopy that extends across the upper part of the ground floor and to the neighbouring building at 115 Gold Reef Mall has been introduced, as has the ground floor aluminium framed shopfront and surrounds.

Beyond the main facade is an early gabled roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron. The rear parapeted and corbelled brick wall is also early, as is the face brick chimney. The rear first floor timber framed windows and oculus ventilator in the gable end represent other early features.

The rear cream brick building represents a later addition.

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