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# 'The Midway Shop', 132 Main Street, STAWELL



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## Location

132 Main Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

### How is it significant?

### Why is it significant?

The former Midway Shop at 132 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 sections of the building also contribute to the architectural amenity of the area. Built by 1935 for Miss Esther Dalkin who operated a ladies' wear shop, the building appears to be in fair condition when viewed from the front and rear.

The former Midway Shop at 132 Main Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of an interwar Spanish Mission shopfront style. These qualities include the rectangular parapet with the elevated title panel that reads "The Midway Shop", together with the lower parapet ends capped

in terra cotta Spanish tiles. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, rendered or painted brick wall construction, large central incised semicircle and flanking smaller circles in the parapet, projecting cantilevering canopy, metal framed shopfront windows with a central ingo, timber framed and glazed door and the black glazed and light brown glazed tile surround. The rear skillion roof form, brick wall construction (including parapet wall), window openings and small cuboid wing also contribute to the significance of the place.

The former Midway Shop at 132 Main Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commercial developments in Stawell during the interwar (1920s-1940s) period. In particular, this building has associations with Miss Esther Dalkin, original owner who had instigated construction before 1935. She operated a ladies' wear store in the building which was known as "The Midway Shop".

Overall, the former Midway Shop at 132 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; Stawell Main Street Precinct peer review, Landmark Heritage PL, 2024;
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## Physical Description 1

The building at 132 Main Street, Stawell, contributes to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly Victorian and interwar streetscape.

The symmetrical, single storey, rendered brick, interwar Spanish Mission shopfront styled building is characterised by a rectangular parapet with an elevated title panel that reads "The Midway Shop". Flanking the central panel are lower parapet ends capping in terra cotta Spanish tiles. The parapet is further accentuated by the large central incised semicircle and flanking smaller circles.

A projecting cantilevering canopy separates the upper reaches of the building from the early shopfront. It features early metal framed shopfront windows with a central ingo, timber framed and glazed door and early black glazed base tiles and light brown glazed surround tiles (some of which are missing).

Beyond the shopfront is an early skillion roof form and brick walls (including parapet wall) that have been overpainted white. There is also an early painted brick chimney and early window openings, together with an early cuboid wing that projects from the rear.

Another skillion wing also projects at the rear.

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