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# Two storey shop, 148 Main Street, STAWELL



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## Location

148 MAIN STREET STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## 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 (number corrected form 150 to 148 Main St):

The building at 148 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 in 1873 to a design by George Inskip, architect, the two shops with dwelling above were first occupied by B.S. Dawson, chemist. The building appears

to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The building at 148 Main Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the rectangular parapet with an elaborate moulded and dentillated stringcourse along the base, and the four-bayed composition of segmentally arched timber framed double hung windows with ornate architraves and keystones that punctuate the arched window heads. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, two storey height, rendered brick wall construction, narrow stringcourse above the front windows, and the rendered quoinwork. The rear hipped roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated iron painted red, rendered brick wall construction, rendered brick chimneys and the timber framed double hung windows also contribute to the significance of the place.

The building at 148 Main Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commercial developments in Stawell during the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this building has associations with Benjamin S. Dawson, original owner, Mayor of the Borough of Stawell and chemist who instigated construction in 1873. The building also has associations with the Melbourne and Stawell architect, George Inskip.

Overall, the building at 148 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 150 Main Street, Stawell, contributes to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly Victorian and interwar streetscape.

The symmetrical, two storey, rendered brick, Victorian styled building is characterised by a rectangular parapet having an elaborate moulded and dentillated stringcourse along its base. The first floor has a four-bayed composition of early segmentally arched timber framed double hung windows with ornate architraves and keystones that punctuate the arched window heads. There is a narrow stringcourse above the windows, while the building corners are defined by early rendered quoinwork.

An introduced skillion verandah separates the first from the ground floors. The smoother rusticated walls and timber framed window and door openings on the ground floor appear to have been introduced.

Beyond the main facade are early hipped roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated iron painted red. There is also early rendered brick wall construction, rendered brick chimneys and timber framed double hung windows.

At the very rear of the site is a recent single storey brick building.

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