
Shop - Former Punchard Furniture Warehouse, 177 Main Street, STAWELL



SL 232a - Shop - former Punchard Furniture Warehouse



SL 232b - State Library of Victoria Picture Collection.

Location

177 MAIN STREET STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Incl in 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 (note that the address of this property has been corrected from 175-177 to 177 Main St)

The former Punchard Furniture Warehouse building at 177 Main Street, Stawell, makes a significant contribution to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly 19th and early 20th century commercial streetscape. Constructed before 1888, this building was owned and occupied by John Punchard who operated a furniture warehouse in the building and had a timber yard adjoining it. The building appears to be in fair condition and the main facade has been compromised by the first floor signage, altered ground floor shopfront and the introduced cantilevering verandah.

The former Punchard Furniture Warehouse building at 177 Main Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although altered, the building demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the three bayed first floor composition of the main facade defined by the three single enframed window openings (now blocked up), and the solid parapet with a projecting moulded cornice (that is accentuated at the building corners by the projecting first floor pilasters), with rudimentary parapet pedestals at the ends. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, two storey height, hipped roof form clad in red-painted galvanised corrugated iron, painted brick wall construction at the sides and rear, and the timber framed double hung first floor windows at the rear. The rear single storey, hipped roof wing with a galvanised corrugated iron roof, painted brick wall construction and single openings also contributes to the significance of the place.

The former Punchard Furniture Warehouse building at 177 Main Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It has associations with commercial developments in Stawell in the second half of the 19th century. In particular, it has associations with John Punchard, furniture warehouse dealer, ironmonger and timber merchant. Overall, the former Punchard Furniture Warehouse building at 177 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;
Other Names	Punchard Furniture Warehouse,
Hermes Number	112520
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Physical Description 1

The former Punchard Furniture Warehouse building at 175-177 Main Street, Stawell, contributes to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly 19th and early 20th century streetscape.

The symmetrical, two storey, rendered brick Victorian styled shopfront has an early composition of three bays in the first floor, defined by the three single enframed windows. Recent signage projects across the original first floor. Above is an early solid parapet with a projecting moulded cornice that is accentuated at the building corners by the projecting first floor pilasters, with rudimentary parapet pedestals above.

The ground floor shopfront has been greatly altered, and the cantilevering verandah has been introduced.

Behind the main facade is an early red-painted galvanised corrugated iron hipped roof form. The side and rear walls appear to be of painted brick construction, and there are early timber framed double hung first floor windows on the rear facade.

Projecting at the rear of the two storey building is an early single storey hipped roof wing, with a galvanised corrugated roof and painted brick wall construction. There are also some early single openings.

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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