
Former McKellar Building, 174-178 Main Street, STAWELL



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Location

174-178 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 former McKellar's building at 174-178 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 1876 for Duncan McKellar, storekeeper and mine owner, the building was designed by Stawell architect, George Inskip. It appears to be in good-fair condition when viewed from the street.

The former McKellar's building at 174-178 Main Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the decorative parapet having a central semi-circular and flat title panel with a Coat of Arms relief and the date "A.D. 1878" within. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, three storey height, rendered brick wall construction, projecting moulded and dentillated stringcourse supported at its ends by projecting vermiculation-patterned blocks and paired consoles, six-bayed first and second floor compositions of timber framed double hung windows with flat-arched heads accentuated by smooth rusticated voussoirs, central keystones above the windows (distinguished by a darker tone on the first floor), smooth wall rustication on the first and second floors, and the three-bayed composition of the ground floor shopfront openings. The rear hipped roof forms and skillion clad in galvanised corrugated iron, face brick wall construction, elongated brick chimneys, shallow-arched window and door openings (the windows being timber framed and double hung) and the red brick voussoirs also contribute to the significance of the place.

The former McKellar's building at 174-178 Main Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commercial developments in Stawell after the 1874 fire. In particular, this building has associations with Duncan McKellar, original owner, storekeeper, mining owner and prominent philanthropist who instigated construction in 1876. The building also has associations with the Stawell architect, George Inskip. Overall, the former McKellar's building at 174-178 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 former McKellar's building at 174-178 Main Street, Stawell, contributes to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly Victorian and interwar streetscape.

The symmetrical, three storey, rendered brick, Victorian styled building is characterised by decorative parapet having a central semi-circular and flat title panel with a Coat of Arms relief and the date "A.D. 1878" within. Below the parapet is a projecting moulded and dentillated stringcourse supported at its ends by projecting vermiculation-patterned blocks and paired consoles. Both the first and second floors are characterised by a six-bayed composition of early timber framed double hung windows with flat-arched heads accentuated by smooth rusticated voussoirs. The central keystones above the windows on the first floor are highlighted in a dark tone. The wall planes also feature smooth rusticated wall finishes and a stringcourse separates the first from the second floor.

Separating the first from the ground floor is an introduced, cantilevering skillion verandah. The three-bayed composition of the ground floor shopfront openings appear to be early but are altered.

Beyond the main facade are a number of hipped roof forms, together with a three storey skillion roof, all of which are clad in early galvanised corrugated iron. Other early features of the rear include the face brick wall construction, elongated brick chimneys, and shallow-arched window and door openings, the windows being timber framed and double hung. Accentuating the openings are early red brick voussoirs.

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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