
Stawell Railway Station, 2-18 Napier Street, STAWELL



SL 243 - Railway Station,
Napier Street, STAWELL

Location

2-18 Napier Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO15

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Stawell Railway Station building, platform and Goods Shed has significance as a broad representation of a "Creswick" style railway station complex erected as part of the "Light Lines" era initially in 1876 and substantially extended in 1888. The Station Railway Station forms part of the Melbourne and Serviceton line. Although the original Signal Box, Lamp Room and Carriage Dock have all been removed, the Stawell complex is also

significant as a particularly elaborate and flamboyant example of the "Creswick" style, reflecting the importance of Stawell in the 19th century as a pre-eminent gold mining centre and as a marshalling and locomotive changeover point on the main line to Adelaide.

The Stawell Railway Station complex is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The Main Station building demonstrates original and early design qualities of a mid Victorian, Classical Revival style. These qualities include the tuckpointed polychromatic brick wall construction, central two storey hipped roof form punctuated by central gables, and flanking single storey hipped roof wings. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the slate and galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, narrow eaves with decorative timber brackets, eleven polychromatic brick chimneys, projecting platform verandah supported by round and fluted cast iron columns with decorative capitals, cream brick quoinwork, dark brick and rendered bands, rendered lintels, and the timber framed windows and doors.

The Goods Shed demonstrates original design qualities of a mid Victorian style. These qualities include the gabled roof form, broad cantilevering verandahs supported by curved brackets and three-quarter length gabled ridge ventilator (with clerestorey glazing). Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, face brick wall construction, three bayed composition of the gable ends with projecting pilasters, and the galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding.

The Stawell Railway Station complex is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the infrastructure development of railway construction during the "Light Lines" era in the 1870s and 1880s. In particular, the Stawell complex has associations with railway construction in 1876 and 1888, with the work being carried out by J.W. Linacre. The Stawell complex is also a legacy of the pre-eminent status of the town in the 19th century as a gold mining centre, and as a marshalling and locomotive changeover point on the main line to Adelaide.

The Stawell Railway Station complex is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is still recognised and valued by the Stawell community as an important 19th and 20th century infrastructure link with the rest of Victoria.

Overall, the Stawell Railway Station complex is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The Stawell Railway Station site is comprised of a railway line, main station building and attached platform, and goods shed. The complex is largely based on the "Creswick style" type of railway station.

The two storey, tuckpointed polychromatic brick, mid Victorian styled main station building is characterised by hipped roof form punctuated by central gables. These roof forms are clad in slate. Flanking the two storey building are single storey hipped roof wings clad in galvanised corrugated iron, with the former station master's residence comprising the western end. The eastern end comprises the original structure build in 1876, while the bulk of the building reflects the major extensions of 1888. Narrow overhangs and decorative timber brackets are features of the eaves (the central two storey section is devoid of brackets), while eleven early polychromatic brick chimneys adorn the rooflines.

Another early feature of the design is the projecting platform verandah. It is supported by early round and fluted cast iron columns with decorative capitals, and clad in galvanised corrugated iron.

Other early features of the design include the cream brick quoinwork, dark brick and rendered bands, rendered lintels, and the timber framed windows and doors.

The single storey unpainted brick and granite mid Victorian styled Goods shed is characterised by a long gable roof form and broad cantilevering verandahs supported by curved brackets. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. A long, three-quarter length gabled ridge ventilator (with clerestorey glazing) adorns the roofline. The gable ends of the Goods shed are accentuated by a three bayed composition of projecting pilasters. The early platform structures have been removed. There is a galvanised corrugated iron skillion lavatory at one end.

The original/early Signal Box, Lamp Room and Carriage Dock have all been removed.

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