
Sisters Rocks, Western Highway, STAWELL



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Location

Western Highway STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 27, 2004

The Sisters Rocks, Western Highway, Stawell are a grouping of granite tors which form a dramatic landmark on the eastern approach to Stawell. The area has been a picnic and tourist destination since settlement in the area.

The Sisters Rocks, Western Highway, Stawell are **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level.

The rocks are an important landmark and object of beauty in the area. The Sisters Rocks, Western Highway, Stawell are **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. They are recognised by the Stawell community as an important landmark and object of natural beauty since the early settlement of the area as indicated that they were selected to represent the scenery as early as 1866.

Overall, the Sisters Rocks, Western Highway, Stawell are 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;
Hermes Number	113180
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Sisters rocks are approached by their own access road for a short distance from the Western Highway. The rocks are on a relatively flat site, slightly elevated from the road. The area has flat weathered hard stand parking and road area with eucalypts encircling the site and now growing within the scatter of rocks. The granite tors are a tumble of rocks of varying size in quite a tight grouping and produce a dramatic element in the landscape. The rocks facing the public access are now heavily covered in graffiti which appears to be getting larger and higher over the rocks faces in more recent times. The graffiti dates back over most of the 20th century. It is an area of debate that this is an historical record or ugly disfigurement of the natural beauty of the rocks.

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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