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# Stawell Peace Memorial



SL 095 - Peace Memorial,  
Grampians Road, STAWELL



SL 095a - View of memorial  
from road showing setting.

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## Location

Grampians Road STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

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The Peace Memorial, Halls Gap Road, Stawell was erected in July 1919 on the site of the former Treasury building at the commercial Street area to commemorate the end of World War I and the early site of settlement and gold diggings.

The Peace Memorial, Halls Gap Road, Stawell is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates important visual qualities. These qualities include the open grassed setting with mature perimeter Cypresses, the simple memorial with the stepped base of granite blocks and the surmounting rough faced obelisk of granite.

The Peace Memorial is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the gold rush at Pleasant creek and the establishment of Commercial Street area. The monument also marks the importance of the cessation of World War I by the local residents.

Overall, the Stawell Cemetery is of **LOCAL** significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

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 Peace memorial, Halls Gap Road, Stawell is set on a small isolated site in the middle of a large flat grazed paddock. Access to the memorial is through a set of welded pipe and chain mesh gates at the road boundary and via a now grassed hard metalled path. The monument is protected by a welded pipe post and rail fence with a central opening on the approach side. Around this are some senescent cypress trees which are now in poor condition.

The base of the monument comprises three square stepped levels of granite blocks which came from the base of the nearby former treasury building. These are surmounted by a granite obelisk. The granite has been left with a rock face finish with the approach face smoother than the other sides so as to take the name plate which reads

"Peace Memorial

erected July 19th 1919

on the site of

Treasury

Commercial Street

Pleasant Creek

Population in 1856

About 56,000"

## Veterans Description for Public

The Peace Memorial, Halls Gap Road, Stawell was erected in July 1919, on the site of the former Treasury building at the commercial Street area to commemorate the end of the First World War, the early site of settlement and gold diggings. The simple memorial has a stepped base of granite blocks, topped with a rough faced obelisk of granite.

This memorial was erected by volunteer labour at three working bees on 29th July, 26th July and 30th August 1919, on this site. Mr. Hooper, who owned the property, gave his permission for the erection of this memorial. At the first two working bees, stones from the original old treasury near this site were built into a solid base about four feet high, consisting of three different levels. At the third working bee, the granite obelisk, seven feet high, carrying a marble tablet, suitably inscribed was put in place on top of the base. This obelisk was donated by Robson & Gray, monumental masons.

The memorial was unveiled on October 10th 1922 by the Mayor of Stawell, Cr. J. Paton. Cr. David Williams who accepted the memorial on behalf of the Shire.

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