
Two storey building, 85 Main Street, STAWELL



SL 192 - Two-storey building,
85 Main Street (corner
Wimmera Street), STAWELL



SL 192a - Stawell Historical
Society Collection.

Location

85 MAIN STREET AND 30-32 WIMMERA STREET STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

The building at 85 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 1907 for W.E. Kernot, chemist, the building and business was sold in 1910 to W.C. Langsford, a former employee. He operated his chemist at this site until 1929, when the building was sold to the Commercial Bank.

The building at 85 Main Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Federation Free style. These qualities include the elaborately balustraded parapet with piers surmounted by ornate urns, pedimented gable end that punctuates the parapet on the Wimmera Street facade,

and the chamfered building edge emphasising the corner location. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the two storey height, asymmetrical composition, face brick wall construction, irregularly placed timber framed double hung windows with segmentally arched window heads adorned by label moulds with projecting keystones, projecting stringcourses, corner ground floor door opening, large ground floor arched window openings with elaborate columns in antis that support a moulded architrave (with keystone), recessive timber framed windows, sway bellied cast iron window grills, other single ground floor window and door openings, brick voussoirs above the window and door openings, and the rendered plinth. The hipped roof form (with small projecting gable), galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, face brick chimneys, remnants of a brick wall and pier to the rear (Wimmera Street frontage) and the gabled single storey outbuilding with galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding and the skillion addition to the outbuilding also contribute to the significance of the place.

The building at 85 Main Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commercial developments in Stawell in the early 20th century. In particular, this building has associations with W.E. Kernot, chemist, who instigated construction of this building in 1907. The building has further associations with W.C. Langsford, chemist and owner from 1910, and with the Commercial Bank (later Westpac Bank) from 1929 until 1984.

Overall, the building at 85 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;
Hermes Number	112476
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The building at 85 Main Street, Stawell, contributes to the architectural and visual amenity of the predominantly Victorian and interwar streetscape.

The asymmetrical, two storey, unpainted and painted brick, Federation Free style building is characterised by an elaborately balustraded parapet having piers at regular intervals surmounted by ornate urns. Along the Wimmera Street facade is pedimented gable end that punctuates the parapet, while the corner is emphasised by the chamfered edge.

The first floor has early irregularly placed timber framed double hung windows with segmentally arched heads adorned by label moulds with projecting keystones. These windows interrupt an early projecting stringcourse, and another stringcourse defines the base of the parapet above.

An introduced green painted band from the rendered window sills to the top of the ground level emphasises the horizontality of the design.

The ground floor has an early corner door opening with an introduced aluminium framed and glazed door and an air conditioning unit above. An early feature of the ground floor are the large arched window openings with elaborate columns in antis that support a moulded architrave (with keystone). The recessive timber framed windows also feature sway bellied cast iron grills above the window sills. Another grill is present on the single window on the Wimmera Street facade. This elevation also has other single early window and door openings, which are rudimentary compared to the large corner openings.

Other early features of the design include the courses of brick voussoirs above the window and door openings, and the rendered plinth.

Beyond the main facades of the building is an early hipped roof form (with small projecting gable) clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Three early face brick chimneys with green overpainted corbelled cappings and rendered bands adorn the roofline. To the west is a later skillion addition with a first floor balcony.

An introduced brick boundary fence fronting Wimmera Street links the building to remnants of an early brick wall and pier, and a gabled single storey outbuilding with galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding and horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding and an introduced roller door. The outbuilding has an early skillion addition over the remnant brick wall, with infill timber cladding.

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