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## HO78 - Staughton Memorial



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### Location

High Street MELTON, Melton Shire

### Municipality

MELTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO78

### Heritage Listing

Melton City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

The Staughton Memorial on High Street, Melton, is significant as a memorial to Captain S.T. Staughton, D.S.O, M.L.A., scion of the locally prominent Staughton family who died at a young age.

The Staughton Memorial on High Street, Melton, is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC. D.2). It demonstrates some important early design qualities that include the fluted cast iron lamp stand and ovoid lamp, and the tapered pedestal with the round-arched incised panel that relates the dedication of the memorial.

The Staughton Memorial on High Street, Melton, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC H.1) for its association both with Captain Staughton, awarded the DSO in the Boer War, and the Staughton family who were early settlers, large pastoral landholders, and patrons of local causes. It also conveys something of the importance of the British Empire within Australia at that time. Its form also preserves an early and evocative type of streetscape furnishing.

The Staughton Memorial on High Street, Melton, is socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC G1). It has been maintained by the local Council and community in the main street since its construction.

Overall, the Staughton Memorial on High Street, Melton, is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007;
Construction dates	1903,
Other Names	High Street, Melton,
Hermes Number	30112
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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The Staughton Memorial is situated in a grassed area on High Street, Melton. It consists of a fluted cast iron lamp stand and ovoid lamp that are supported by a tapered pedestal that features a round-arched incised panel that reads: "In Loving Memory of Captain S.T Staughton, D.S.O., M.L.A., Born 30th Dec 1876, Died 20th May 1903". There is also the Staughton family crest, and the motto 'Clarum reddit industria'. The memorial rests on a bluestone base.

A second plaque below tells that memorial was removed from its original High Street position when the Western Highway was reconstructed in 1975. Originally gas lit, it was restored with electric lighting in 1992.[1] The glass of the lamp has recently been damaged.

[1] Pollit, JH, *An Historical Record of Melton* (Shire of Melton, nd), p.38

## Historical Australian Themes

*Melton Historical Themes: 'Community'*

## Integrity

Integrity - Substantially intact

## Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Good

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