

Heritage Overlay No.: 078
Citation No.: 212
Place: Staughton Memorial

Other Names of Place: N/A
Location: High Street, Melton
Critical Dates: 1903
Existing Heritage Listings: None
Recommended Level of Significance: LOCAL



Statement of Significance:

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.