

FLINDERS RANGES HERITAGE SURVEY

Bandstand

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LOCATION

Address	Gladstone Square, Port Augusta
Owner(s)	Corporation of City of Port Augusta
CT Number	Square gazetted 7 July 1883
Allotment	111
Hundred	Davenport
Local Government Area	Port Augusta

State Heritage Status	State Heritage Register — 10194 — 24 July 1980
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Other Assessments	Register of the National Estate National Trust Classified List — 1363
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DESCRIPTION

Of single storey octagonal construction with a conical roof form, the base is of rough hewn random rubble. The roof is of marseilles tiles with a terracotta finial. There are cast iron columns and lacework to the balustrade and eaves manufactured by A.C. Harley & Co of Adelaide. The ceiling is slightly convex, is timber framed and has timber boarding with timber boss in the centre. Eight marble steps lead to the platform which is of timber boarding.

- Inscriptions read:
1. The Great War (two plaques either side of stair)
In Memory of those who fell (51 names)
 2. In Honour of those who fell in World War II
(39 names)
 3. In Honour of those who fell in the Vietnam Campaign
1962-1972
(2 names) Davies, R.W. Hughes, R.E.

The bandstand fronts on to a small paved square with three flagpoles and a Cross of Sacrifice (metal) set in a elevated garden. On the wall of the garden are seven bronze plaques 'In memory of those who served and those who fell': 1. World War I 1914-1918; 2. World War II 1939-1945; 3. Malaysia 1948-1966; 4. Korea 1950-1953; 5. Vietnam 1957-1975; 6. Gulf Conflict 1991; 7. Port Augusta Ex-Servicewomen and to Honour all Ex-Servicewomen who served their country.

HISTORY

Like so many small communities across the country, the effects of the World War I made a lasting impact. As a consequence, communities erected various forms of memorials in remembrance of those who died. The Bandstand (Soldiers Memorial Rotunda), built in 1923, was one such memorial and was dedicated by Miss Ethel Campbell. The cast iron columns and lacework to the balustrade and eaves were manufactured by A.C. Harley & Co. of Adelaide with further plaques being placed on the memorial to honor those who served and died in other Wars and conflicts.

In 1985 the Bandstand was upgraded.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

This place demonstrates several levels of significance. It is significant as a war memorial and a record of those local people who were killed in the several major conflicts in which Australians have taken part. It also reflects something of the intense patriotism generated by World War I and the community fervour soon afterwards to commemorate the local contribution to this conflict. It is interesting too, that the people of Port Augusta should have commemorated the dead with a community asset, rather than a simple memorial as in so many other places in Australia.

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The construction of a bandstand is itself significant and reflects an example of community recreation in an era before the advent of television. In addition, the bandstand is the focal point of a significant public space.

The bandstand was entered in the State Heritage Register on 24 July 1980.

RELEVANT CRITERIA

- (c) the bandstand may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, particularly as a record of those Port Augusta people who have been killed in wars in which Australia has participated;
 - (d) the bandstand is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance, both as a war memorial and a place of outdoor entertainment;
 - (e) the bandstand demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics, viz. that of a bandstand;
 - (f) the bandstand has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it, particularly the patriotism and Empire sentiment associated with the enlistment of so many Port Augusta men in different wars in which Australia has been involved.
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REFERENCES

Department of Environment and Natural Resources, State Heritage Branch — 10194.
Port Augusta Diamond Jubilee and State Centenary Celebrations Committee,
Historical Souvenir of Port Augusta 1876-1936, Port Augusta, 1936, p. 89.

Site Surveyor

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Date(s) of Survey 10.2.1994