

BUILDING TITLE: Major Mitchell Memorial **BUILDING ADDRESS:** corner of Alexandra Parade and Brown St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** memorial
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Melville Oval **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: neo-classical

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1937
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

memorial tablet

MATERIALS:

Roof: none
Walls: random stone
Dressings: none
Plinth: concrete
Windows: none
Paving: concrete
Other: bronze arrow on top

SURVEY DATE: 6/6/91 **NEG FILE:** 10/9 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** simple form and prominent location

CONDITION: E || G |X| F || P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Marks the centenary of the passing of Major Mitchell through what was to become Hamilton.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
none required although screen planting would reduce the impact of the new flats constructed behind the memorial		none apparent	

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

land to N McLean, 19/6/66
City of Hamilton

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

TITLE:
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Major Mitchell Memorial
corner of Alexandra Parade and Brown Street

This memorial was erected to mark the centenary of Major Mitchell passing through what was to become Hamilton, and making camp nearby, on 12 September 1936 on his exploration of the south west of the Port Phillip District. (i) The tablet on the memorial says that it was erected on 15 March 1937 and the centenary passed "with a small ceremony". (ii) The arrow at the top of the memorial is pointing to Sydney for the explorer had already turned to go home. The structure, one of many across the state which mark Major Mitchell's progress and as part of the state's centenary, is built from mixed rubble and takes the form of a truncated obelisk with faint reference to the Neo-classical style in its simplicity of detail. It is significantly intact and in good condition.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Early Exploration: Major Mitchell
Evolution of the Town: 1930s, centenary

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.

FOOTNOTES

i Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 7-10.

ii Ibid, p 222.