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## Former St. Arnaud Fire Station & Turncocks residence, 12 Napier Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 130a - St. Arnaud Fire Station & Turncocks residence



SD 130b - Undated photograph from St. Arnaud, A Pictorial History.



SD 130c - Undated photograph from St. Arnaud, A Pictorial History.

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### Location

12 Napier Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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### Statement of Significance

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The former Turncocks Residence & Fire Brigade Station, 12 Napier Street, St. Arnaud, has significance as an unusual, intact, rural fire station with attached Victorian residence. Constructed in 1883, the local fire brigade operated from this location until 1916. The building also has significance as one of an unusual grouping of former government and civic and public 19th and early 20th century buildings in a predominantly Victorian town, of which many are visually connected to the Queen Mary Gardens.

The former Turncocks Residence & Fire Brigade Station is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the single storey hipped roof

that traverses the site (the residence), together with a gable roof form that projects towards the street frontage (the fire brigade station). Other intact qualities include the originally unpainted brick wall construction, rendered and scored side wall construction, unpainted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, unpainted brick chimney with a corbelled top, narrow eaves, timber framed, double hung and two paned windows, four panelled timber door, arched vertically boarded double doors, timber verandah columns, cast iron verandah valances and brackets, timber flag pole finial, timber bargeboards, three courses of brick voussoirs forming the arched double door opening and the oculus ventilator. The timber picket fence, exotic street tree, standpipe and post box also contribute to the significance of the place.

The former Turncocks Residence & Fire Brigade Station and site are **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. They are associated with the early development of the St. Arnaud Fire Brigade between 1883 and 1916. The building and site also have associations with the local Ambulance service, Kara Kara Shire, and the St. Arnaud and District Historical Society who continue to occupy and operate the building as a Museum to the present day.

The former Turncocks Residence & Fire Brigade Station is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The locally made bricks illustrate a technological process no longer in practice.

The former Turncocks Residence & Fire Brigade Station is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although no longer used as a fire station or residence, the building is still recognised and valued by the community for its past role and for its current purpose as a historical museum.

Overall, the former Turncocks Residence & Fire Brigade Station is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The former Turncocks Residence & Fire Brigade Station is the dominant feature of its corner site. The brigade wing abuts the front and side boundary, as does one side and the verandah of the residence. Other significant features of the site are the standpipe and post box (discussed on separate citations) and the mature exotic tree that addresses the corner. This building also forms part of an unusual grouping of government, civic and public 19th and early 20th century buildings (of which many are visually connected to the Queen Mary gardens) and predominantly Victorian streetscapes.

The single storey, locally-made brick, Victorian styled building is characterised by a hipped roof that traverses the site (the residence), together with a gable roof form that projects towards the street frontage (the fire brigade station). These roof forms are clad in unpainted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron. One early unpainted brick chimney with a corbelled top adorns the roofline, as does an altered brick chimney. Narrow overhangs are a features of the eaves. The early windows are timber framed, double hung and two paned, while the four panelled timber door of the Turncock's Residence is also early, as are the arched, double, vertically boarded doors of the fire station. The side wall of the residence is rendered and scored.

Early decorative feature of the design include the timber verandah columns, cast iron verandah valances and brackets of the residence, and the timber flag pole finial, timber bargeboards and three courses of brick voussoirs forming the arched double door opening, the oculus ventilator of the fire station. The timber picket fence forming the perimeter of the verandah is representative of the early design.

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