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## Location

4 Lillian Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Demolished/Removed

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 24, 2004

The house at 4 Lillian Street, Stawell, has significance as an intact example of the Victorian style, and for its associations with the Thomas family, particularly Miss Elizabeth Thomas, teacher of the State School for approximately 50 years, her father William, who conducted singing lessons at this house in the late 19th century, and Miss Tamar Thomas who taught piano and organ at this address. Built in the 1870s, the house appears to be in poor condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 4 Lillian Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Victorian style. These qualities include the triple gabled roof form that traverses the site, together with the hipped bullnosed verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding,

galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, painted brick chimneys, timber framed double hung windows, narrow eaves, timber verandah columns, curving timber verandah fretwork and the window hoods supported by timber brackets.

The house at 4 Lillian Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell from the 1870s. In particular, this house has associations with the Thomas family from the late 19th century. Miss Elizabeth Thomas was well known to the local community as a teacher at the Stawell State School No. 502 for approximately 50 years, while her father, William conducted singing lessons at the house after 1885, and her sister, Tamar, held piano and organ lessons at this address in the late 19th or early 20th centuries.

Overall, the house at 4 Lillian Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: LOCAL

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
Other Names	'Merthyr',
Hermes Number	112335
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 4 Lillian Street, Stawell, is set on a contextually wide allotment for the area, and has a modest front setback. The front comprises a rudimentary open grassed area, while there are early gabled timber sheds with galvanised corrugated iron roofs at the rear. The front is bound by an introduced brick fence that has suffered considerable lateral movement and cracking.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Victorian styled house is characterised by a triple gabled roof form that traverses the site, together with a hipped bullnosed verandah that projects towards the street frontage. This verandah is in poor condition, as is much of the timber weatherboard wall cladding and the early timber framed double hung windows and window hoods supported by timber brackets.

Other early features of the design include the galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, painted brick chimneys, narrow eaves, timber verandah posts (which are also deteriorated) and the curving timber verandah valance.

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