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# Former Provincial Hotel, 1 Seaby Street, STAWELL



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## Location

1 Seaby Street STAWELL, 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 Provincial Hotel, 1 Seaby Street, Stawell, has significance as legacy of the early hotel developments during the prosperous gold era of the second half of the 19th century. Built in 1876-77 by John Allingham, the first licensee was Joseph Reading. Although substantially altered from the front, there are a number significant architectural details surviving behind the brick parapets.

The former Provincial Hotel at 1 Seaby Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian vernacular style. These qualities include the galvanised corrugated iron hipped roof form, single storey height and the unpainted brick wall construction. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the modest eaves, side window openings with brick voussoirs, and the early painted signage on the side wall visible from Seaby Street.

The former Provincial Hotel at 1 Seaby Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with hotel developments in Stawell from 1876-77, during the prosperity of the town's gold rush era. In particular, this hotel has associations with John Allingham who had it constructed in 1876-77, with the first licensee being Joseph Reading. Several licensees followed Reading until 1916 when the building closed as a hotel after being delicensed.

Overall, the former Provincial Hotel, 1 Seaby Street, Stawell, is of **LOCAL** significance.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; |
| Hermes Number             | 112691   |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

The former Provincial Hotel building is located at the corner of Wakeham and Seaby Streets and takes up the bulk of the site. The front two wall planes abut the allotment boundary.

The single storey former hotel building appears to have been substantially altered in the 20th century. The front facades are characterised by large, rudimentary painted brick and parapeted wall planes with aluminium framed windows and door openings, and a roller door opening on the Wakeham Street elevation.

Behind the introduced facade is an early unpainted brick, Victorian vernacular styled building with a hipped roof clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves. There are early openings highlighted by early brick voussoirs, although the aluminium framed windows have been introduced. The cream brick chimney that adorns the roofline has also been introduced.

Another important feature of the building is the remnant early signage on the side wall, although visible from Seaby Street.

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