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## Villa



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### Location

10 Seaby Street,, STAWELL VIC 3380 - Property No B4923

### Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Local

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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No 10 Seaby Street, Stawell is a substantial and richly decorated villa constructed in 1890 for the wealthy mine-owner Mary Ellen Hobbs, widow of philanthropist William Hobbs. The exterior of the house presents two fine elevations with brick work enhanced by elaborate window hoods, quoins and a verandah with paired pillars and encaustic tiles. Inside the house, the conventional disposition of the front formal rooms give way to a substantial rear section which runs transversely.

The interior of the house is of particular interest for its surviving decoration. It includes relatively sumptuous doorways, extensive and finely executed wood-graining, an unusual imitation panel timber dado, original light fittings and some surviving papers. Handsome door furniture and coloured/stained glass complete the impression of a richly finished interior appropriate to a wealthy landowner in Stawell at the height of the boom period.

The house is accordingly unusually intact and distinctive, although the front fence has been lost. At the rear, the surviving timber stables are of interest.

Classified:

Hermes Number 69459

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