
House, 303 McCahons Road, GOWAR EAST



GOE 02 - Shire of Northern
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

303 McCahon Road GOWAR EAST, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The house, 303 McCahons Road, Gowar East, has significance as a moderately intact example of a Victorian Picturesque style. Possibly built in the second half of the 19th century, the house has experienced some alterations and is in fair condition.

The house, 303 McCahons Road, Gowar East, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although altered, it demonstrates some original design qualities of a Victorian Picturesque style. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with the gable roof that projects towards the front and the return bullnosed verandah that projects to the front and side. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, face brick chimneys, narrow eaves with paired timber brackets, projecting gabled bay under the front gable, elaborate

timber bargeboards, timber framed double hung windows and the timber framed doorway with sidelights. The nearby remnant timber bridge also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house, 303 McCahons Road, Gowar East, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with farming developments in the Gowar East area from the 19th century, and has particular associations with a Mr. McCahon, owner until the 1980s.

Overall, the house, 303 McCahons Road, Gowar East, is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

The house, 303 McCahons Road, Gowar East, is located within a rural setting. The immediate surrounds consist of open grassed areas and perimeter garden beds, with an outbuilding and mature cypresses towards the rear. Nearby the house are remnants of an early timber bridge that crosses the creek.

The asymmetrical, elevated single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Victorian Picturesque styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a gable roof that projects towards the front and a return bullnosed verandah that projects to the front and side. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. The face brick chimneys that adorn the roofline appear to have been altered or added, particularly those chimneys with soldier course tops which suggest that they were constructed during the interwar (c.1920s-1940s) period. Narrow overhangs with paired timber brackets adorn the roofline.

An early feature of the design is the projecting gabled bay under the front gable. Both the gabled bay and main gable are decorated with early elaborate timber bargeboards.

The timber framed double hung windows and the timber framed doorway with sidelights represent other early features.

The stop chamfered timber verandah columns may be early, although the integrity of the decorative timber valance and brackets is not known.

The timber weatherboard enclosure within the corner of the verandah has been introduced.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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