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# House - former School Residence, 79-81 Main Street, GREAT WESTERN



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## Location

79-81 Main Street GREAT WESTERN, 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 school residence, 79-81 Main Street, Great Western, contributes to the significant, single storey, pitched roof central township area. The building also has significance as a reasonably externally intact example of a rudimentary Federation Bungalow style. The design qualities of this house suggest that it was constructed between the 1890s and c.1904, when it was occupied by Head Teacher, Mr. Kneen, for a short period.

The former school residence is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary Federation Bungalow style. These qualities include the broad hipped roof form, together with the minor gable and broken back verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or

appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, two stucco brick chimneys with projecting bands and cornices, modest eaves with exposed timber rafters, timber framed double hung twelve paned windows, square timber verandah columns, timber gable brackets and the gable infill (stucco panelling and battening).

The former school residence is **historically** and **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the Great Western State School from the c.1890s as the residence of the head teacher. Although no longer serving as a school house, the building is still recognised by sections of the Great Western community for its former function.

Overall, the former school residence at 79-81 Main Street, Great Western, is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The former School residence, 79-81 Main Street (Western Highway), Great Western, is set on a large allotment with a substantial front setback of approximately 8 metres. There is a gravel driveway at the side, open grassed areas and perimeter trees and plants. The house also has visual connections with other single storey, pitched roof timber houses in Main Street.

The single storey, asymmetrical, horizontal weatherboard, rudimentary Federation Bungalow styled house is characterised by a broad hipped roof form, together with a minor gable and broken back verandah (supported by square timber columns) that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron (overpainted green). Two stucco brick chimneys with projecting bands and cornices adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs and exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves. The timber framed double hung windows are early and are twelve paned. Early or appropriate decorative features of the design include the timber gable brackets and the gable infill (stucco panelling and battening).

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