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# House, 27 Alma Street, ST ARNAUD



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Study, 2004

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## Location

27 Alma Street ST ARNAUD, 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 house at 27 Alma Street, St Arnaud, makes a significant contribution to the predominantly single storey, Victorian styled residential streetscapes of Alma Street between Canterbury and McMahon Streets, and of the intersecting Queens Avenue. The Victorian style of the house suggests that it was constructed in the late 19th or early 20th century.

Although partially altered (due to the introduced verandah columns, concrete verandah floor and side carport), the house at 27 Alma Street is **historically** and **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and it demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, simple dominant hipped roof form and an ogee form verandah that projects at the front. Other intact qualities

include the galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, unpainted brick chimney with dentillated and corbelled top, small dormer ventilator, narrow eaves with paired timber brackets, centrally located front door with side and toplights, flanking timber framed, triple light, double hung windows and decorative cast iron verandah detailing (valances and brackets).

Overall, the house at 27 Alma Street 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 site at 27 Alma Street is visually connected to other significant, predominantly Victorian styled, single storey houses in the residential streetscapes of Alma Street between Canterbury and McMahon Streets and of the intersecting Queens Avenue. It is also visually connected to the significant urban foci of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and adjacent Presbytery in Queens Avenue and to the Inter-War Carpenter Gothic Church of Christ in Alma Street. The house is generally in accord with the form, scale, construction, style and setbacks of the significant houses visually connected to it. The Victorian style of the house suggests that it was constructed in the late 19th or early 20th century.

The site at 27 Alma Street is bound at the front by an introduced timber post and cyclone wire fence approximately 1 metre high. The house has a typical front setback of approximately 5 metres and typical narrow side setbacks with a side driveway. The front yard is also typical for its rudimentary landscaping of perimeter garden beds and open grassed areas.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Victorian styled house is characterised by a simple dominant hipped roof form and an ogee form verandah that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. The skillion carport at the side is a later addition.

The roofline of the house is adorned by an early unpainted brick chimney with a dentillated and corbelled top and a small ventilation dormer. Narrow overhangs and paired timber brackets are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed, triple light, double hung windows arranged symmetrically about a central entrance that features a four panelled timber door and side and toplights. A distinctive feature is the early cast iron verandah decoration, notably the valances and brackets. The timber verandah columns, however, appear to be more recent and a concrete verandah floor has been introduced.

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