
House, 29 Alma Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 013 - Shire of Northern
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

29 Alma Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 12, 2004

The house at 29 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 mainly to the side verandah infix and altered doorway), the house at 29 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 generally symmetrical composition, single storey height, simple dominant hipped roof form and return skillion verandah. Other intact qualities include the painted and lapped

galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, brick chimneys (both the altered chimneys and the chimney with the dentillated and corbelled top), narrow eaves, centrally located front door, flanking timber framed, triple light, double hung windows and the cast iron verandah decoration (valances and brackets).

Overall, the house at 29 Alma Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The site at 29 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 corner site at 29 Alma Street is bound at the front by an introduced cyclone wire fence approximately 800 mm high and an early scrolled metal gate. The front and side setbacks of the house are generally consistent with those in the surrounding area, as is the rudimentary landscaping of open grassed areas, concrete paths and small shrubbery.

The single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Victorian styled house is characterised by a simple dominant hipped roof form and a skillion return verandah that projects at the front and side. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron that has been painted green.

The roofline is adorned by three early white painted brick chimneys although only one chimney is intact with its dentillated and corbelled top. Narrow overhangs are a feature of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed, triple light, double hung windows symmetrically arranged about a central entrance (although the door and surround appear to have been altered). A distinctive feature is the early cast iron verandah decoration, notably the valances and brackets. The rudimentary stop chamfered timber columns appear to be a more recent addition.

A noticeable alteration to the house is the verandah infill along the Queens Avenue frontage.

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