
House, 31-33 Bowen Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 025 - Shire of Northern
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

31-33 Bowen 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

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The house at 31-33 Bowen Street makes a significant contribution to the predominantly single storey, Victorian and Edwardian styled streetscape in this section of the street. Substantially intact from the exterior, this house appears to have been constructed soon after 1900 as a rental property for Ann Wheeler, who owned and built a number of nearby houses.

The house at 31-33 Bowen Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a transitional Late Victorian and Edwardian style. These qualities include the asymmetrical composition, the single storey height, the main M-shaped hip roof form, the minor gable that projects towards the street frontage, the rear projecting minor gable, and the bullnosed return verandah that projects at the front and side between the projecting gables. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the red-painted corrugated

galvanised iron roof cladding, the unpainted brick wall construction, the three early unpainted brick chimneys with decorative cement rendered tops, the modest boxed and lined eaves with decorative relief panels, the timber framed casement and double hung windows, the front doorway with sidelight, the timber verandah floor on brick base, and the decorative features (turned timber verandah columns, elaborate cast iron verandah brackets and valances, and the gable elements, notably the brackets, timber bargeboards and gable screen or battens, and the stucco work). The remnant exotic trees and gardens also contribute to the significance of the place.

The site at 31-33 Bowen Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud in the early 20th century. In particular, this site is associated with parts of Lots 3 And 4 of Section J3 that were sold to F. H. Crook in 1890, and with the later subdivision of the land under LP 4147, in late 1899 or early 1900. The house is also associated with Ann Wheeler, its earliest owner, who had purchased a number of allotments of land in this stretch of Bowen Street c.1900 and built a number of houses as rental properties. The house is also associated with a later owner, A. Halfhide, who was a prominent jeweller in the township.

Overall, the house at 31-33 Bowen Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The house at 31-33 Bowen Street is in accord with the landscaping, style and form of the neighbouring significant, predominantly Victorian and Edwardian styled, single storey houses visually connected to it.

The house has a frontage characterised by a front boundary hedge, large exotic trees and flower gardens. A scrolled metal gate is located to one side. At the rear of the property are substantial exotic trees. The grassed adjacent allotment on the corner of Bowen and Raglan Streets also appears to be part of this property.

The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted brick, transitional Late Victorian and Edwardian styled house is characterised by a main M-shaped hip roof form, a minor gable that projects towards the street frontage, a rear projecting minor gable, and a bullnosed return verandah that projects at the front and side between the projecting gables. These roof forms are clad in corrugated galvanised iron. Three early unpainted brick chimneys with decorative cement rendered tops adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs and decorative relief panels are features of the boxed or lined eaves. The early timber framed windows are arranged as a bank of casements with highlights under the front gable, and as double hung single windows on the other elevations. The front doorway with sidelight also appears to be early, as does the timber verandah floor on an early brick base.

Other early decorative features of the design include the turned timber verandah columns, elaborate cast iron verandah brackets and valances, and the gable elements (brackets, timber bargeboards and gable screen or battens, and the stucco work).

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