
House, 38 Bowen Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 029 - Shire of Northern
Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

38 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 38 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 for Ann Wheeler as a rental property, along with the generally identical house at 36 Bowen Street with which it forms a semi-detached pair.

The house at 38 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 recessed hipped roof form that traverses the site, and the minor gable and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the grey painted galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, the unpainted brick wall construction, the modest boxed

eaves to the front with decorative relief panels, the lined eaves to the side, the two unpainted brick chimneys with decorative cement rendered tops and terra cotta pots, the timber framed casement windows with highlights, the timber framed double hung windows, the front timber door with side and high lights and the decorative features (turned timber verandah columns, cast iron verandah brackets and valances), the floor level brick stringcourse, and the gable elements, notably the timber brackets, the timber bargeboards and gable screen and stucco work.

The house at 38 Bowen Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud in the late 19th century. In particular, the house is 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, including the semi-detached pair at 36 and 38 Bowen Street.

Overall, the house at 38 Bowen 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 house at 38 Bowen Street is in accord with the style and form of the neighbouring significant, predominantly Victorian and Edwardian styled, single storey houses visually connected to it.

The house has a frontage of approximately 5 metres, and is bound by a recent but appropriate rounded picket timber fence, approximately 1.2m high. A gravel driveway is located along one side and the front yard is largely austere and characterised by an open area of grass, perimeter plantings surrounded by brick edging and a young central shrub.

The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted brick, transitional Late Victorian and Edwardian house is characterised by a hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with a minor gable and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in grey painted galvanised corrugated iron. Modest overhangs and decorative relief panels are features of the front boxed eaves. The eaves along the side are lined. Two early unpainted brick chimneys with decorative cement rendered tops and terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. The early timber framed windows are arranged as a bank of casements with highlights on the projecting gable, and as single timber framed double hung windows elsewhere. The front timber door and side and highlights are also early.

Early decorative features of the design include the turned timber verandah columns, cast iron verandah brackets and valances, projecting brick stringcourse at floor level, and the gable elements (timber brackets, timber bargeboards and gable screen and stucco work).

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