
Love Cottage, 31 Clyde Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 055a - Love Cottage - 21
Clyde Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 055b - Love Cottage -
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Location

31 Clyde 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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Love Cottage, site and outbuildings represents one the earliest extant miner's properties in St.Arnaud. The cottage was originally built in 1868 of layers of flat stones from a nearby mine, and in the c.1940s it was surfaced in cement render. It was constructed by John Tyson with assistance from William Thompson. The property was later owned by Robert Love, who built a blacksmith's shop, stables and an outside toilet in the early 1900s. In 1985, following the death of Ethel Love, daughter-in-law of Robert Love, the property was bequeathed to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and in 1987 responsibility for the place was given to the St. Arnaud Historical Society. The blacksmith's shop and toilet are in ruinous condition, although the building remnants are still extant. The cottage and stables outbuilding are in fair condition, and there are also remnants of the early garden.

Love Cottage is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although altered, the building demonstrates some original design qualities of a Victorian vernacular style. These qualities include the double gable roof form, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, exposed remnant stone wall construction, and the general structural configuration. Other intact qualities include the brick chimneys, timber framed six paned windows at the front and the double hung windows at the rear, and the vertical boarded door. Internally, the whitewashed plaster, galvanised iron and paper on hessian walls and ceilings also contribute to the significance of the cottage.

The stables outbuilding is also **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level for its Victorian vernacular gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron, stud frame, and sawn hardwood horizontal weatherboard wall cladding. The ruinous blacksmith's shop, mud brick external toilet, goose pen and timber kennel also contribute to the significance of the place, as does the garden layout and many plantings including fruit trees, agave, phlox and agapanthus are extant.

Love Cottage, outbuildings and site are **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. They represent a rare legacy of a miner's property in St. Arnaud of the 19th century. In particular, the cottage and site is associated with John Tyson, who built it in 1868 from flat stones from a nearby mine. The property also has long time associations with the Love family, with Robert Love building the blacksmith's shop, stables and other outbuildings in the early 1900s. The Love family owned the property until 1985.

Love Cottage is scientifically significant at a **LOCAL** level. The remnant exposed flat rubble stone wall construction at the rear of the building represents a form of building construction no longer widely practised.

Love Cottage, outbuildings and site are socially significant at a **LOCAL** level. They are recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community for historical and cultural reasons.

Overall, Love Cottage, outbuilding and site are 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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Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Love Cottage, outbuildings and site, 31 Clyde Street, St. Arnaud represent one the oldest extant miner's properties in the town today.

The single storey, modestly scaled, Victorian vernacular cottage is characterised by a double gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron. The original stone wall construction has been surfaced with cement render possibly in the 1940s (except for the rear wall). Two cement rendered and brick chimneys adorn the roofline and there are no eave overhangs. The timber framed six paned windows appear to be early, with the timber framed double hung windows at the rear are also being early although introduced at a later stage. The vertical boarded front door also appears to be early. Internally, the walls and ceilings vary in materials and finish from whitewashed plaster to galvanised iron and paper on hessian.

The outbuildings on the property include a blacksmith's shop, which has collapsed and is in ruinous condition. It has a gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron, and remnants of bush pole structure and weatherboard wall cladding fixed vertically. The stables outbuilding has a stud frame with sawn hardwood horizontal weatherboard wall cladding and a gable galvanised corrugated iron roof form. This building is in fair condition.

An external toilet is situated nearby the stables and has a simple gable roof clad in galvanised corrugated iron, with early horizontal weatherboard wall cladding and vertical boarded door. This small outbuilding is loose from its stumps and is in perilous condition and has almost collapsed.

Other remains of small structures include a mud brick goose pen and a timber kennel.

The gardens within the property are also early and noteworthy. The early layout and many early plantings, including fruit trees, agave, phlox and agapanthus are extant.

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