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# Former Preece House, 54 McMahon Street, ST ARNAUD



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## Location

54 McMahon 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 former Preece House, 54 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud, forms part of a group of buildings related to the Preece family building, decorating and undertaking businesses. This house has significance as a relatively intact example of a modest Victorian style.

The former Preece House, 54 McMahon Street is **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 hipped roof form, together with a hipped roof verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical

composition, single storey height, painted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, painted masonry wall construction, painted brick chimneys with corbelled tops, modest eaves with paired timber brackets, central door opening with transom and sidelights, timber framed double hung windows, stop chamfered verandah columns and verandah valance and brackets.

The former Preece House, 54 McMahon Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the Preece family who operated the adjacent buildings as a building, decorating and undertaking business. Members of the Preece family were local councillors over the period 1923 to 1951. They were also associated with the nearby Anglican church.

Overall, the former Preece House, 54 McMahon Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The former Preece House, 54 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud, forms part of a group of buildings related to the Preece family building, decorating and undertaking businesses.

This house has a modest front setback and is bound on one side by a laneway with very narrow setback and a modern infill which joins it to a former commercial/industrial building on the other side. The front is bound by an introduced concrete post and tubular steel rail and cyclone wire fence, approximately 1 m high.

The symmetrical, single storey, painted masonry, Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a hipped roof verandah with a gently bullnosed profile that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in painted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron. A painted brick chimney with a corbelled tops adorns the roofline. Modest overhangs and paired timber brackets are features of the eaves.

The symmetrical nature of the design is accentuated by the central door opening with early transom and sidelights, and flanking timber framed double hung windows. Early or appropriate decorative features of the design include the verandah valance and brackets and the stop chamfered timber columns. One section of the verandah has been infilled.

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