
Former Preece Shop, 52 McMahon Street, ST ARNAUD



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Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

52 McMahon 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 17, 2004

The former Preece shop, 52 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud, forms part of a group of buildings related to the Preece family building, decorating and undertaking businesses. The shop has significance as an example of a modest Victorian commercial style.

The former Preece shop, 52 McMahon Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with commercial developments in St. Arnaud in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and although the front has been altered, it demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the gable roof form, together with a skillion roof street verandah, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, square edged

weatherboard wall construction and unpainted brick chimney.

The former Preece shop, 52 McMahon Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the Preece family who operated a building, decorating and undertaking business from these premises. 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 shop, 52 McMahon 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 former Preece shop, 52 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud, forms part of a group of buildings related to the Preece family building, decorating and undertaking businesses.

The shop is built to the street boundary with a modern infill which joins it to a former residential building on the one side and a later extension of the shop on the other side.

The original shop building is single storey but of an elevated height. The roof is gabled in form and clad in lapped corrugated steel. Across the front is a skillion form street verandah of similar springing height and form to the original verandah. It has been extended to the right across the shop addition. The verandah posts are of similar dimensions to the original posts but appear to be replacements as they are now mounted on incongruous steel stirrups. The original verandah had an advertising hoarding across the outer edge. The present verandah has a large flat advertising hoarding across the face of the building gable. There is an external face brick chimney on the left hand side.

The original facade had a door on the left and a double shop window on the right. These have been sheeted over in pressed cement sheets. The original facade may have been removed or masked. The side walls are clad in square edged weatherboards and on the left wall have banks of three rectangular timber framed windows set high in the wall.

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