
Former Preece Workshop, 52 McMahon Street, ST ARNAUD



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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

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

The former Preece workshop, 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 it demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the gable roof forms, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, square edged weatherboard and horizontally hung corrugated steel wall construction and

paired timber access doors.

The former Preece workshop, 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 workshop, 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 buildings on the north west corner of McMahon and Raglan Streets were the Preece timber yards and joinery shop. The buildings are built onto the boundary of both McMahon and Raglan Streets. There is a high fence extending from the corner building west along McMahon Street. At the north of the buildings is a large mature Norfolk Island Pine which is a landmark in the area.

The buildings consist of a pair of gable buildings parallel to McMahon Street with a transverse gable with a parapet extending along Raglan Street. The gable roof forms are clad in short length, lapped corrugated steel. The walls are clad in square edged weatherboards and corrugated steel hung horizontally. There are no openings along McMahon Street. In the centre of the two gables facing Raglan Street are door openings with a pair of timber framed and clad doors in each opening. Further north are three rectangular, small windows set in the upper part of the wall.

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