
House, 29 McMahon Street, ST ARNAUD



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Study, 2004

Location

29 McMahon Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The house at 29 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud has visual connections to other significant buildings in the street, notably the Victorian Early English Gothic styled Uniting Church, and the interwar Stripped Classical Masonic Hall. This house has significance as a highly intact example of the interwar Californian Bungalow style. It was possibly built in the late 1920s.

The house at 29 McMahon Street is **historically** and **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud in the early 20th century and it demonstrates original design qualities of the interwar Bungalow style. These qualities include the gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the minor gable and verandah gable that project towards the street frontage. Other intact qualities include the tiled roof cladding, unpainted brick wall construction, timber framed windows arranged in banks of

three having central lights flanked by double hung windows, corbelled brick window brackets, unpainted brick chimney with decorative cream brick corbelling, broad porch arch accentuated by red brick voussoirs, brick verandah balustrade with red brick decoration and a concrete capping, concrete verandah steps flanked by brick piers, red brick plinth and banding, wide eaves, and the gable infill (shingling and timber brackets). The unpainted brick and rendered fence also contributes to the significance of the place.

Overall, the house at 29 McMahon Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The house at 29 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud, has visual connections with other significant buildings in the street, notably the Victorian Early English Gothic styled St. Arnaud Uniting Church and Sunday School, and with the interwar Stripped Classical Masonic Hall.

This house has a medium front setback identified by a grassed area, poplars and shrubs and a concrete side driveway. The site is bound at the front by an early brick fence, with unpainted brick piers having concrete cappings, with rendered balustrades between. These balustrades have unpainted brick soldier course rectangular panels with concrete cappings and unpainted brick plinth. The fence is approximately 1200 mm high.

The single storey, unpainted brick, asymmetrical, interwar Bungalow styled house is characterised by a gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a minor gable and verandah gable that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in tiles. An unpainted brick chimney with decorative cream brick corbelling adorns the roofline. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves.

A notable feature of the design is the broad arched porch opening, accentuated by two courses of red brick voussoirs. The verandah has a solid brick balustrade with intermediate red brick blockwork and concrete cappings. There is also flanking stair piers to the concrete steps to the verandah.

The early windows are timber framed and arranged in banks of three, having central lights flanked by double hung windows.

Early decorative features of the design include the red brick bands, plinth, corbelled window brackets, diamond window leadlights, and the gable infill (shingling and timber brackets).

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