
House, 43 McMahon Street, ST ARNAUD



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Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage
Study, 2004

Location

43 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 house at 43 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 an intact example of the interwar Bungalow style. It was built by the owner builder, Clarence Preece, possibly in 1926.

The house at 43 McMahon Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of an interwar Bungalow style. These qualities include the gable roof form that traverses the side, together with a broken back skillion verandah and minor ventilator gable that project towards the street frontage. Other intact qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, broad tapered white painted brick verandah piers and bevelled timber beam, solid brick verandah balustrades with concrete cappings, solid brick

balustrades and piers that flank the concrete steps, brick chimney, wide eaves, horizontal weatherboard dado and upper fibro cement wall cladding, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, timber framed double hung windows arranged in horizontal banks of three, timber framed and glazed double doors, window and door leadlighting and the shingling in the ventilator gable.

The house at 43 McMahon Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud in the early 20th century, and particularly with Clarence Preece, owner builder, possibly from 1926.

Overall, the house at 43 McMahon Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The house at 43 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud, has visual connections to 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 large front setback characterised by an open grassed area with perimeter plantings and shrubs, and concrete paths to the house from the side concrete driveway.

The symmetrical, single storey, painted brick, horizontal weatherboard and fibro cement interwar Bungalow styled house is characterised by a gable roof form that traverses the side, together with a broken back skillion verandah and minor ventilator gable that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron. A white painted brick chimney adorns the roofline, while wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves.

The main feature of the design is the front verandah which is supported by broad, tapered white painted brick piers and a bevelled timber beam. A solid brick balustrade (also painted white) with a projecting concrete capping, and a centrally located flight of concrete steps with flanking solid brick balustrade and piers are other features. Two later narrow tubular steel posts support the central sections of the verandah.

Other early features of the design include the horizontal weatherboard dados and upper fibro cement wall cladding under the verandah, timber framed double hung windows arranged in horizontal banks of three. Centrally located are timber framed and glazed double doors. Both the doors and windows are decorated with early leadlighting. The gable infill of the ventilator is decorated with shingling.

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