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# Church of the Immaculate Conception Presbytery, 39 Queens Avenue, ST ARNAUD



SD 223 - Church of the  
Immaculate Conception  
Presbytery, Queens Avenue,  
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## Location

39 Queens Avenue 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 Church of the Immaculate Conception Presbytery, 39 Queens Avenue, St. Arnaud, has significance as a relatively intact example of a Victorian styled domestic building constructed in dichromatic brickwork with an elaborate ogee form encircling verandah. The building appears to have been constructed for the Catholic Church in the mid to late 1880s, when Father R. Scanlon was priest, and continues to be owned and occupied by the Catholic Church.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Presbytery is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of Victorian style. These qualities include the single storey and symmetrical composition, unpainted and tuckpointed dichromatic brick wall construction, hipped roof forms and elaborate encircling ogee form verandah. Other intact qualities include the slate tile roof cladding, galvanised corrugated iron verandah cladding, narrow cast iron verandah columns with decorative cast iron lace brackets and valances, large brick plinth, which forms the verandah floor, centrally located bluestone steps, unpainted brick chimneys surmounted by rendered cornice tops, modest eaves with intricate double brackets, central four panelled timber door with original side and highlights, timber framed double hung tripartite windows, and the decorative cream brick quoinwork. The large allotment with substantial front and side setbacks and significance open lawn area with flower gardens provided uninterrupted views of the building also contributes to the significance of the place.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Presbytery is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the Catholic Church in St. Arnaud from the mid-late 1880s when Father R. Scanlon was priest, until the present day.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Presbytery is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and valued by the St. Arnaud community for religious reasons.

Overall, the Church of the Immaculate Conception Presbytery 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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Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Presbytery site, 39 Queens Avenue, St. Arnaud, is identified by an elegant Victorian styled dichromatic brick Presbytery building on a large allotment with substantial front and side setbacks. A more recent rear wing projects from the side. At the front of the site is a substantial lawn with flower gardens and trees along the street boundary.

The single storey, symmetrical, unpainted and tuckpointed dichromatic brick, Victorian styled Presbytery building is characterised by hipped roof forms and an elaborate encircling ogee form verandah. The dominant roof forms are clad in early slate tiles, with the verandah is of galvanised corrugated iron cladding and is supported by narrow cast iron columns with decorative cast iron lace brackets and valances. A large brick plinth forms the verandah floor, which is accessed by centrally located bluestone steps. Unpainted brick chimneys surmounted by rendered cornice tops adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs with intricate double brackets are a feature of the eaves.

The symmetry of the design is emphasised by the front window and door arrangement. The central four panelled timber door with original side and highlights, is flanked by early timber framed double hung tripartite windows. The front corners of the building are emphasised by the early decorative cream brick quoinwork. The rear addition, which projects at the side is a more recent addition, with a shallow pitched gable roof form clad in galvanised corrugated iron and unpainted brick wall construction. The addition also has horizontal banks of timber framed double hung windows.

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