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Location

6 Walker 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 house at 6 Walker Street, St. Arnaud, has significance as one of the earliest brick houses with direct associations St. Arnaud's gold mining origins through Josiah Walker, early miner and Councillor. Although the house - which was built in 1860-61 - has experienced some changes, the form, construction and several details are largely intact.

The house at 6 Walker Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates some original or appropriate design qualities of a rudimentary Victorian style. These qualities include the simple gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the hipped bullnosed verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding overpainted dark red, face brick wall construction, two face brick chimneys with multi-corbelled and dentillated tops, modest eaves, timber verandah columns (but not pedestals) and cast iron valances and brackets.

The house at 6 Walker Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with some of the earliest residential developments in St. Arnaud as a result of gold mining in the area in 1860-61. In particular, this house has associated with Josiah William Walker, early miner who discovered and held Walker's Reef, and who built this house in 1860-61. Walker was one of St. Arnaud's first Councillors and although he left St. Arnaud in 1865 to return to England, he continued ownership of the property until at least the early 1900s. Walker completed a Bachelor of Medicine Degree and had a successful medical practice in London.

Overall, the house at 6 Walker 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 house at 6 Walker Street, St. Arnaud, is set on an average-sized allotment, with a recent garden having grassed areas, perimeter garden beds and concrete and brick paths. An early timber garage is situated at the rear of the house. There is a front setback of approximately 6 metres.

The single storey, face brick, rudimentary Victorian styled house is characterised by a simple gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a hipped bullnosed verandah that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron overpainted dark red. Two early face red brick chimneys with multi-corbelled and dentillated tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

The symmetrical nature of the front facade is still discerned in the central timber doorway and flanking timber and glazed double doors, although these flanking openings have been altered, having replaced original timber framed windows. The rendered dados and rear flat roofed addition are other later changes.

An early feature of the design is the front verandah with its central stylised pediment, columns (which have been introduced and sit on recent, inappropriate rendered pedestals) and cast iron valances and brackets.

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