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## Location

9 Houston Street STAWELL, 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 house at 9 Houston Street, Stawell, has significance as an altered example of an Edwardian style. Although the house appears to have been extended at an unknown date, the transitional Edwardian design qualities of the dwelling are apparent. The original section of the house (possibly representing the portion with the front verandah) may have been built in the early 20th century. The house appears to be in good-fair condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 9 Houston Street is **historically** and **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell in the early 20th century. Although possibly altered, it also demonstrates some original and early design qualities of a transitional Edwardian style. These qualities include the steeply pitched hipped roof form, together with the extended roof having a traversing ridge line, projecting minor hipped roof form and the hipped broken back verandah at the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the

asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, red-painted and lapped galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, two brick chimneys with corbelled tops, broad eaves, timber framed doorway with highlight above, timber framed double hung windows, window hood, timber verandah columns with projecting capital mouldings and the decorative cast iron verandah valances and brackets. The mature palm tree towards the rear also contributes to the significance of the place.

Overall, the house at 9 Houston 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 9 Houston Street, Stawell, appears to be set on a contextually wide allotment for the area. There is a substantial front setback characterised by open grassed areas, some remnant plantings and shrubs, and a large mature palm tree towards the rear. The front is bound by a timber post and rail and wire mesh fence, approximately 1300 mm high, and a scrolled metal gate.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, transitional Edwardian styled house is characterised by a steeply pitched hipped roof form which extends at the side with a lower ridge line, a minor hipped roof form that projects towards the street, and a hipped broken back verandah at the front. These roof forms are clad in red-painted and lapped galvanised corrugated steel. The projecting hipped roof form and extended lower ridge line may have been added at a later date, with the earliest part of the house originally having a single steeply pitched hipped roof form, projecting hipped verandah and a symmetrical composition. Two early painted brick chimneys with corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Broad overhangs are features of the eaves.

The possible original symmetrical composition is denoted by the early central timber framed doorway with highlight above, and the flanking early timber framed double hung windows. The projecting hipped roof section also features a timber framed double hung window with a window hood above, and there is another doorway at the side of this projecting section.

An early feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by timber columns with projecting capital mouldings and features decorative cast iron valances and brackets.

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