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# House, 31 Houston Street, STAWELL



SL 109 - House, 31 Houston Street (corner Wimmera Street), STAWELL

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## Location

31 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 31 Houston Street, Stawell, has significance as an intact example of the Late Victorian style. Possibly built in 1890 for Henry Bate, Mining Surveyor, the house appears to be in fair condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 31 Houston Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with the gable roof and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, narrow eaves with paired timber brackets and rectangular timber panelling, timber framed double hung windows, timber verandah columns, brackets and fretwork valances,

timberwork on the gable end, window hood with timber brackets, panelled timber front door with sidelights and highlight, and the timber verandah floor.

The house at 31 Houston Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell in the late 19th century.

Overall, the house at 31 Houston Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; |
| Hermes Number             | 112291   |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 31 Houston Street, Stawell, is set on a typical allotment for the area, and has a substantial front setback. The front comprises an open grassed area, together with perimeter garden beds and shrubbery.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Late Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with a gable roof and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Narrow overhangs with paired timber brackets and rectangular timber panelling are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by turned timber columns with decorative timber brackets and fretwork valances. The verandah floor also appears to be early, being of timber construction.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows, panelled timber front door with side lights and highlight, decorative timberwork on the gable end, and the front window hood supported by timber brackets.

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