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Location

14 Seaby Street STAWELL, 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 27, 2004

Although altered, the house at 14 Seaby Street, Stawell, makes a significant contribution to the predominantly single storey, Victorian styled streetscape of Seaby Street between the railway line and Johnson Street. This house was built in 1882 for Richard Williams who had a substantial interest in local mining shares. The original form and detailing of the house is generally intact, although the central entrance portico was introduced during the interwar period (1920s or 1930s).

Although altered, the house at 14 Seaby Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof forms, rendered brick wall construction, painted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, and symmetrical arrangement of windows about the central doorway on the front facade. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the rendered brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops, timber framed windows, narrow eaves, and masonry quoinwork.

The house at 14 Seaby Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell during the prosperous years of the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with Richard Williams, original owner who had purchased the land in 1878. With substantial interests in local gold mining shares, Williams had this house built in 1882.

Overall, the house at 14 Seaby 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 site at 14 Seaby Street is visually connected to other significant, single storey, predominantly Victorian styled houses in the streetscape of Seaby Street between the railway line and Johnson Street. It is also visually connected to the significant urban foci of St. Matthew's Uniting Church spire to the north-east.

This house is generally in accord with the form, scale, style and setbacks of the significant houses visually connected to it. The front yard is characterised by a perimeter flower gardens, shrubs and trees, with some open grassed areas. The front is bound by an introduced timber post and rail fence, with cyclone wire mesh.

The altered, single storey, rendered brick, Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a later (but early) rear hipped roof that projects towards the side, and a central later (interwar) gabled entrance portico that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in painted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron. The symmetrical nature of the front wing is enhanced by the location of the two early rendered brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops which adorn the roofline, and the flanking timber framed double hung windows about the central portico. These front windows appear to have replaced earlier multi-paned windows, which are evident on the side addition at the rear. The front timber and glazed door also appears to have been introduced during the interwar period when the portico was added. Other early features of the design are the narrow eaves and the masonry quoinwork.

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