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## Location

19-21 Seaby 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 19-21 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. Although the construction date for this house is not known, the Late Victorian style suggests that it was built in either the late 19th or early 20th century. It was the home of Andrew Bone until 1906, when he sold it upon relocating to England. Although there have been some alterations and additions, the form, construction and some of the detailing is still intact.

Although altered, the house at 19-21 Seaby 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, together with a return concave verandah that projects towards the front and sides. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the rendered brick wall construction, painted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof

cladding, three rendered brick chimneys with projecting cornices, modest eaves with worked timber brackets, panels and roundels, central doorway with side and high lights, central four panelled timber door, timber framed and glazed French doors, square timber columns with recent patterned brackets and valance, timber verandah balustrade, and the masonry quoinwork.

The house at 19-21 Seaby Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell in the late 19th or early 20th century. This house was the property of Andrew Bone prior to 1906 and in the mid 20th century it was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly - Mrs. Emma Kelly naming the property "Walmsley" and also donating the funds for the construction of the Town Hall Clock tower that was built in 1939. The house has further associations with Seaby House that provided residential care for local intellectually disabled clients and as Walmsley Restaurant.

Overall, the house at 19-21 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 19-21 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, and style of the significant houses visually connected to it, although it has a larger front setback due to the longer size of the allotment. The front yard is characterised by a gravel U shaped driveway with introduced Stawell stone edging. Open grassed areas, shrubs and perimeter garden beds are other features. The front is bound by an introduced, elaborate steel fence on a concrete plinth.

The symmetrical, single storey, rendered brick, Late Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a return concave verandah that projects towards the front and sides. These roof forms are clad in painted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron. Three early rendered brick chimneys with projecting cornices adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs with worked timber brackets, panels and roundels are features of the eaves.

The symmetrical nature of the design is emphasised by the early central doorway with side and high lights. The front four panelled timber door is also early. Flanking the central doorway are symmetrically arranged early timber framed and glazed French doors.

A distinctive feature of the design is the return verandah. It is supported by recent square timber columns with recent patterned brackets and valance. The timber balustrade also appears to be recent. Concrete steps with elaborate concrete balustrades provide access to the raised floor level.

An early decorative feature of the design is the masonry quoinwork.

At the rear of the house are introduced pitched roof additions that do not contribute to the significance of the place.

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