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## Location

43 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 43 Seaby Street, Stawell, makes a significant contribution to the predominantly single storey, Victorian styled streetscape of Seaby Street. This house also has significance as an intact example of the Late Victorian style. Built in 1900 for Charles Akins, a prominent figure in Stawell, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 43 Seaby Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Late Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with the minor hipped roof and hipped verandah that project toward the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal weatherboard wall cladding, painted galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, three rendered brick chimneys with projecting cappings, narrow eaves with worked timber brackets and decorative panels and patera between, timber framed

double hung tripartite windows on the front facade, central timber framed doorway with a four panelled timber door and sidelights and highlights, square timber columns with decorative mouldings, and the decorative cast iron verandah valance. The front timber picket fence also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 43 Seaby Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell in the late 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with Charles Alfred Akins, original owner, bookseller and stationer, councillor and active member of several community organisations in Stawell. Akins instigated construction of this house in the early 1890s.

Overall, the house at 43 Seaby Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 43 Seaby Street, Stawell, is visually connected to other significant, single storey, predominantly Victorian styled houses in the streetscape of Seaby Street. This house has a large front setback and one wide setback, with a concrete driveway and landscaped garden. The front is bound by a timber picket fence that is approximately 1200 mm high.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, Late Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with a minor hipped roof and hipped verandah that project towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in painted galvanised corrugated iron. Three early rendered brick chimneys with projecting cappings adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs with worked timber brackets and decorative panels and patera between are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung tripartite windows on the front facade, together with the central timber framed doorway with an early four panelled timber door and sidelights and highlights.

Another early feature of the design is the projecting verandah. It is supported by introduced square timber columns with decorative mouldings and has a decorative cast iron valance. There is also a window hood supported by timber brackets below the projecting hipped roof.

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