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Location

2 Skene Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 27, 2004

The house at 2 Skene Street, Stawell, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the predominantly late 19th and early 20th century residential area. This house has significance as an intact example of a Late Federation style. Built in the early 1920s for William and Elsie Mitchell, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 2 Skene Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Federation style. These qualities include the complex roof forms with a central gambrel roof having a broken back return verandah (accentuating the diagonal) and gable roofs that project at the front and side. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, unpainted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, face brick wall construction, face brick chimneys with rendered tops, modest eaves, timber verandah posts and arched timber fretwork valances, bowed corner window, timber framed casement

windows with transoms, timber framed front doorway, terra cotta ridge decoration and finials, timber gable infill and the window hood. The mature trees including the landmark palm trees and landscaped garden contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 2 Skene Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell in the early 20th century. In particular, this house has associations with William and Elsie Mitchell, original owners, who appear to have instigated construction in the early 1920s.

Overall, the house at 2 Skene 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 2 Skene Street, Stawell, is set in a predominantly intact residential streetscape with visual connections to late 19th and early 20th century Victorian, Edwardian/Federation and interwar Bungalow styled houses with well-landscape gardens. This house has a substantial front setback comprising open grassed areas, mature shrubs and trees and some garden beds. An introduced capped fence, approximately 1600 mm high, forms the front boundary. There is also an introduced flat roofed double garage at the side (fronting the street) constructed of red brickwork.

The single storey, face brick, late Federation styled house is characterised by complex roof forms including a central gambrel roof with a broken back return verandah (accentuated the diagonal composition), together with two gable roofs that project at the front and side. These roof forms are clad in unpainted and lapped galvanised corrugated iron. Three unpainted brick chimneys with rendered tops adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

Other early features of the design include the turned timber verandah posts with arched timber fretwork, the bowed corner window further accentuating the diagonal, and the timber framed casement windows with transoms.

Other early features include the timber framed front doorway, decorative terra cotta ridge detailing and finials, other timber framed windows, window hoods and timber gable infill.

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