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## Location

27 Skene 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 27 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 Federation style. Although the original construction date has not been ascertained the design of the building suggests that it was constructed in the early 20th century. The house served as a private hospital before 1919, operated by Nurse Rowe who married George Maunder. The house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 27 Skene Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Federation style. These qualities include the complex roof forms including the central hipped roof and the gable roof forms that project towards the front and side. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding with decorative terra

cotta ridge capping, wall cladding comprising horizontal timber weatherboards simulating shingling (base cladding), square edged timber weatherboards and stuccoed cladding; modest eaves, brick chimneys, projecting window bays having timber framed double hung windows with multi-paned upper sashes, timber framed doorway with sidelight and highlight, and the flat roofed corner porch supported by turned timber columns with decorative arched timber valances detailed with trefoil motifs.

The house at 27 Skene Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell in the early 20th century. It also has associated with the establishment of a private hospital prior to 1919, when it was operated by Nurse Rowe who later married George Maunder.

Overall, the house at 27 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 27 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 front setback defined by an open grassed area with perimeter garden beds, and also features mature exotic trees.

The asymmetrical, single storey, Federation styled house is characterised by complex roof forms having a central hipped roof and gables that project towards the front and side, together with a flat roofed corner porch. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel and have a decorative terra cotta ridge capping. Two early brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the wall construction. It is comprised of base walls of horizontal timber weatherboards simulating shingling, with square edged timber weatherboards above that are also surmounted by stuccoed cladding.

Other early features of the design include the projecting window bays having timber framed double hung windows with multi-paned upper sashes, and the timber framed doorway with sidelight and highlight.

The corner porch is characterised by the turned timber columns with decorative arched timber valances accentuated by trefoil motifs. These details appear to have been introduced.

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