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## Location

37 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 37 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 an interwar Bungalow style. Built between the 1920s and 1940s, the house appears in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 37 Skene Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of an interwar Californian Bungalow style. These qualities include the gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the verandah gable that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, rendered brick wall construction, wide eaves, rendered brick chimney, paired stylised concrete Doric verandah columns on rendered brick piers with projecting concrete cappings, solid rendered brick verandah balustrade, timber framed double hung windows arranged in

banks of three with diamond glazing bars in the upper sashes, double timber framed door opening with two timber and glazed doors, and the timber shingling in the verandah gable end. The rear gabled garage also contributes to the significance of the place.

The house at 37 Skene Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in Stawell during the interwar (c.1920s-1940s) period. In particular, this house may have associations with John Williamson, local jeweller and possible original owner.

Overall, the house at 37 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 37 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-landscaped gardens. This house has a substantial front setback comprised of a large open grassed area with some exotic trees and shrubs, and random stone retaining walls (including a low retaining wall that forms the front boundary). There is an early gabled garage towards the rear of the site which has vertical timber boarded doors.

The asymmetrical, single storey, rendered brick, interwar Californian Bungalow styled house is characterised by a gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a verandah gable that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in tiles. An early elongated rendered brick chimney adorns the roofline. Wide overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the projecting verandah gable. It is supported by early paired stylised concrete Doric columns on rendered brick piers with projecting concrete cappings. A solid rendered brick balustrade with a projecting capping forms the front boundary to the verandah, and there is also an introduced concrete ramp with open steel balustrade.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows arranged in banks of three, having early diamond glazing bars in the upper sashes. The double timber framed door opening with two timber and glazed doors and the timber shingling in the verandah gable end are also early features.

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