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## Location

20 Walker 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 20 Walker Street, Stawell, has significance as an intact example of the Late Federation style. Built in the early 1920s for Robert L. Henderson, Art Master of the Technical School, the house was restored in 1998.

The house at 20 Walker Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Federation style. These qualities include the central steeply pitched gambrel roof form, together with the gable roofs that project at the front and side, and the return broken back verandah that accentuates the corner. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, face brick chimneys, broad eaves with exposed timber rafters, paired square timber verandah columns with timber clad bases, decorative timber fretwork verandah valances and brackets, Art Nouveau timber fretwork (curved form and stylised detailing) in the front gable end, timber framed double hung windows (including the projecting bay in

the corner), timber framed front doorway with sidelights and highlights, small fixed leadlight window, window hood supported by timber brackets, timber shingling under the corner window bay, and the timber gable ventilators and timber detailing simulating shingling on the front gable.

The house at 20 Walker 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 Mr Robert L. Henderson, Art Master at the Technical School who had this house built in the early 1920s.

Overall, the house at 20 Walker 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 20 Walker Street, Stawell, is set on an average sized allotment and has little remnant early landscaping, apart from some shrubbery along one side, and a fruit tree towards the rear.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Late Federation styled house is characterised by a central steeply pitched gambrel roof form, together with gable roofs that project at the front and side, and a return broken back verandah that accentuates the corner. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron. Two early face brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Broad overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the return verandah. It is supported by paired square timber columns with timber clad bases, and decorative timber fretwork valances and brackets. The projecting front gable roof is also adorned with Art Nouveau timber fretwork, as noted in the curved form and stylised detailing.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows, including the projecting bay in the corner, timber framed front doorway with sidelights and highlights, small fixed leadlight window, window hood supported by timber brackets, timber shingling under the corner window bay, and the timber gable ventilators and timber detailing simulating shingling on the front gable.

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