
Former 'Belmont' College, 6 Wimmera Street, STAWELL



SL 418 - House, Former
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Location

6 Wimmera Street, STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The house known as 'Belmont' at 6 Wimmera Street, Stawell, has significance as the former 'Belmont College' that operated between 1899 and 1930, and as an unusual example of an eclectic interwar Bungalow style. The building appears to be in fair-good condition when viewed from the street.

The house known as 'Belmont' at 6 Wimmera Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates early design qualities of a predominantly interwar Bungalow style, although the elevated traversing gable is representative of the 1898 construction as the Belmont College building. The interwar Bungalow stylistic qualities include the brick chimney, broad eaves, projecting verandah gable and the skillion return verandahs that

project to the front and sides. Other intact or appropriate qualities of the interwar Bungalow style include the squat and square tapered concrete verandah columns that are supported by face brick piers, and the timber framed double hung windows.

The house known as 'Belmont' at 6 Wimmera Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of "Belmont College" from 1898. Opened in 1899, the college was conducted by the Misses Bate until 1930, during which time day, evening and Saturday morning classes were held in various subjects. By the mid-late 1930s, the college has been converted into a private house by Mr. R.M.S. Brett, teacher at the Stawell High School. He introduced the verandah gable and return verandahs, and basically transformed the building into an interwar Bungalow styled home.

The house known as 'Belmont' at 6 Wimmera Street has social interest. It is recognised by sections of the Stawell community for educational reasons as the location of the former "Belmont College".

Overall, the house known as 'Belmont' at 6 Wimmera 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;
Other Names	'Belmont' College,
Hermes Number	113204
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The house known as 'Belmont' at 6 Wimmera Street, Stawell, is set on a corner and contextually wide allotment of the area. It has a garden setting comprising open grassed areas, perimeter garden beds and mature shrubs and trees. The front is bound by a recent steel mesh fence, and there is an introduced lychgate marking the corner. Along the side appears to be early hedging, approximately 900 mm and 1300 mm high respectively.

The single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, predominantly interwar Californian Bungalow styled house is characterised by an elevated, early 20th century gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a verandah gable that projects towards the street frontage and return skillion verandahs that project at the front and sides. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. An early brick chimney (now painted) adorns the roofline. Broad overhangs are features of the eaves.

Early features of the design are the projecting verandahs added during the interwar period. They are supported by early tapered and square concrete columns which in turn are supported by face brick piers.

Other early features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows.

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