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# EDWARDIAN TIMBER HOUSE AND GARDEN

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## Location

22-24 French Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0004

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Edwardian Timber House, known as Elmparool, is located at the south-east corner of French and Bell Streets, in the centre of the township of Peshurst. The house is a large single storey asymmetrical house in the Queen Anne style typical of the Federation period. The house is sited in an extensive and well-established garden. The present house, from its style, form, materials and detailing appears to date from the turn of the twentieth century. It is a good example of the so-called Federation style, with a relatively intact Federation style garden. No architect or builder has been associated with the house, although it is possible that it was professionally designed. The house is in excellent condition, and retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Edwardian Timber House at 26 French Street is of historical and architectural significance to the southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Peshurst.

Why is it significant?

The Edwardian Timber House is of historical significance for its potential association with William Ardlie, a squatter from the Murray district who may have first purchased the land on which the house stands. The house is of architectural significance as an excellent typical example of the Queen Anne Style applied to a residence, and as a rare very intact surviving example of the style typical of the Edwardian or Federation Period.

Construction dates	1900,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	ELMBARROOLS,
Hermes Number	23351
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Very good

## Physical Description 1

The Edwardian timber house located at 26 French Street, Penshurst is a large single storey asymmetrical house in the Queen Anne style typical of the Federation period. The building is timber and weatherboard. The gables are typically half-timbered. The roof is complex and picturesque with tall chimneys featured. The roof is corrugated iron painted red. The house has substantial bowed bay windows. There is a typical small gablet at the north-west corner of the verandah suggesting a diagonal axis. The house is sited in an extensive and well-established garden.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life  
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes  
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

## Usage/Former Usage

Residential

## Integrity

Excellent degree of integrity externally (interiors not inspected)

## Physical Description 2

W. Ardlie

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