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Location

9 Howitt Street ST ARNAUD, 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 at 9 Howitt Street makes a significant contribution to the local area. Largely intact, it was constructed in the late 1920s or early 1930s by Jim Geddes, a local bricklayer.

The house at 9 Howitt Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud during the interwar years, and particularly with Jim Geddes, a local bricklayer.

The house at 9 Howitt Street is **architecturally** and **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original and unusual design qualities and construction techniques of an Inter-War Romanesque Bungalow style. These qualities include the triple fronted composition as viewed from Howitt Street, single storey height, and the three stepped, hipped roof forms clad in terra cotta tiles. Other intact qualities include the three elongated and unpainted brick chimneys, wide eaves, enveloping arched loggia with dark brick voussoirs and cream brick

keystones, shallow wall piers, dichromatic wall construction (dentillated brick decoration forming a band under the eaves, and a stringcourse at the springing of the arches, and dark brick dado walls with light brick dentillations under the loggias), two circular motifs with concrete frames and dark brick infill, semicircular window openings, and the banks of timber framed, multi-paned double hung windows. The landscaping and gardens, and the brick fence with rendered piers also contribute to the significance of the place.

Overall, the house at 9 Howitt 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

Situated on a corner allotment, the house at 9 Howitt Street has large front setbacks on the Howitt Street frontage. The front garden is characterised by various palms, garden beds and concrete paths. The site is bound by an early unpainted brick fence with incised rendered panels and rendered piers with decorative brickwork, incised panels and concrete caps. A recent arched lychgate is also situated on the corner.

The single storey, triple fronted, unpainted brick, Inter-War Romanesque Bungalow styled house is characterised by three stepped, hipped roof forms clad in terra cotta tiles. Three early, elongated and unpainted brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves.

A distinctive feature of the design is the arched loggia which envelopes the house. The arched openings are emphasised by darker brick voussoirs with cream brick keystones. These arches have shallow piers between.

Another early decorative feature of the design dichromatic wall construction, with dentillated brick decoration forming a band under the eaves, and a stringcourse at the springing of the arches. A dark brick dado with light brick dentillations forms part of the wall construction under the loggias. Two circular motifs with concrete frames and dark brick infill are features of the Howitt Street facade, and flank the chimney base.

Other early characteristics of the design include the semicircular window openings, and the banks of timber framed, multi-paned double hung windows.

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