

Victorian Heritage Database Report

## House - 'Inverness' , 13 Silvermines Road, ST ARNAUD

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**Location:**

13 Silvermines Road ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

**Statement of Significance:**

The house known as "Inverness" at 13 Silvermines Road, St. Arnaud, has significance as an predominantly externally intact example of a Victorian style. The design qualities of this house suggest that it was constructed in the 19th century. This house appears to have been occupied by a Nurse Gardners at an early period, and has also been the home of the McKinnon family.

The house known as "Inverness" at 13 Silvermines Road is historically and architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud in the 19th century, and particularly with Nurse Gardners and the McKinnon family, early and subsequent occupiers. The house also demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the double gable roof forms that traverse the site, together with a concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, symmetrical composition, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, brick wall construction, narrow eaves, unpainted brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops, central timber framed doorway with a four panelled timber door, sidelights and transoms, timber framed double hung windows with cement rendered sills, small timber ventilation openings at the side, timber verandah columns, and the decorative cast iron verandah valances and brackets.

Overall, the house known as "Inverness" at 13 Silvermines Road is of LOCAL significance.

## Description

The known as "Inverness" at 13 Silvermines Road has a front setback of approximately 6 metres. The front is characterised by a recent cottage garden including lavender and other plants, and is bound by a recent timber post and woven fence with an early scrolled metal gate. A recent timber and lattice lychgate is situated at the front to one side.

The single storey, face brick, Victorian styled house is characterised by double gable roof forms that traverse the site, together with a concave verandah that projects towards the street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. There are also a series of gable roof forms at the rear, which appear to represent later developments.

Three early unpainted brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops adorn the rooflines. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves. The symmetry of the design is accentuated by the early central timber framed doorway, with a four panelled timber door, sidelights and transoms, which are all flanked by early timber framed double hung windows having cement rendered sills. Other early timber framed double hung windows are located at one side. The side elevations also have early small timber ventilation openings in the gable ends.

An early feature of the design is the projecting concave verandah. It is supported by recent but appropriate timber columns with decorative cast iron valances and brackets.

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Architect / Designer	
Municipality	NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE
Other names	
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