
HO122 - House, 2341-2421 Western Highway, Rockbank



House

Location

2341-2421 Western Highway ROCKBANK, Melton Shire

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO122

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

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The house at 2341-2421 Western Highway, Rockbank, is significant as a moderately intact example of an unassuming Late Victorian style.

The house at 2341-2421 Western Highway, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although altered, the house demonstrates some original design qualities of an unassuming Late Victorian style. These

qualities include the hipped roof form clad in galvanised corrugated steel, together with the face brick chimney and narrow eaves. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, front verandah supported by turned timber posts, central timber framed doorway and the timber framed double hung windows.

The house at 2341-2421 Western Highway, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2) as one of few early houses remaining in Rockbank, and is prominently situated on the Western Highway. It is also one of relatively few allotments in the Shire released under the Selection Acts. It also has significance for its association with the Pitson family, an early family in the district.

Overall, the house at 2341-2421 Western Highway is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007;
Construction dates	1898,
Other Names	2341-2421 Western Highway, Rockbank,
Hermes Number	30281
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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The house at 2341-2421 Western Highway, Rockbank, has a large front setback comprising an open grassed area with perimeter plantings and some exotic trees. There are also wide side setbacks.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal weatherboard, unassuming Late Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a skillion verandah that projects at the front. These roof forms are clad in lapped galvanised corrugated steel. An early face brick chimney with a corbelled top adorns the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the front verandah. It appears to have replaced an earlier verandah in this location. It is supported by introduced turned timber posts and there is a recent timber verandah floor.

The symmetry of the design is accentuated by the early central timber framed doorway that is flanked by early timber framed double hung windows.

The additions are largely to the rear of the building and include a 1940-50s skillion kitchen/dining room and the opening out of two rooms to make a larger lounge room. The interior alterations include the lowering of the ceiling of the lounge room, and significant alterations to the fireplace surrounds. The front 3 rooms retain early features and arrangement.

Historical Australian Themes

Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Farming'

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Good

Integrity

Integrity - Moderately intact

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