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## HO27 - House & Outbuilding, 310-360 Gisborne Melton Road, Toolern Vale



House - front elevation



House - front elevation  
(detail)



Rendered brick outbuilding



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### Location

310-360 Gisborne-Melton Road TOOLERN VALE, Melton Shire

### Municipality

MELTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO27

### Heritage Listing

Melton City

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## Statement of Significance

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The house at 310 Gisborne-Melton Road Toolern Vale is significant as a moderately intact example of a Victorian style dwelling constructed in rendered brickwork and as a historical legacy of farming developments in the Melton Shire in the nineteenth century. The rear outbuilding, mature cypresses and rural setting also contribute to the significance of the place. The house and dairy were built in 1874 for John and Margaret McPherson, of a prominent pioneering Toolern Vale family.

The house at 310 Gisborne-Melton Road Toolern Vale is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although altered, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with the encircling verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, rendered brick wall construction, corrugated profile sheet metal roof cladding, brick chimney, stop chamfered timber verandah posts, timber verandah floor, timber framed, 12 paned double hung windows, front timber framed doorway with highlight, and the smooth rendered masonry quoinwork. The rear gabled outbuilding constructed of rendered brickwork with smooth rendered masonry quoinwork, narrow vertical wall openings, single door opening with timber door and the galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, together with the nearby mature cypress trees, also contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 310 Gisborne-Melton Road Toolern Vale is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4). It is an example of a homestead built by a successful larger farmer, of which there were a few in the northern parts of the Shire. It also testifies to the prominence of Scottish settlers in the farming history of the Shire, particularly in early Toolern Vale. It is also significant for its association with the McPherson family, a successful pioneering family in Toolern Vale.

Overall, the house at 310 Gisborne-Melton Road Toolern Vale 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	1874,
Other Names	310-360 Gisborne-Melton Road Toolern Vale (Allotment B Parish of Yangardook),
Hermes Number	29979
Property Number	

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## Historical Australian Themes

*Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Farming'*

## Integrity

Integrity - Moderately Intact

## Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Good

## Physical Description 1

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The house at 310 Gisborne-Melton Road Toolern Vale has a rural setting with the immediate surroundings comprising open grassed areas, gravel driveway flanked by agapanthas, perimeter flower and shrub beds. The rows of mature cypress trees at the rear and side of the house are a major feature. There is also a rendered brick outbuilding nearby, and a brick underground tank. The property is an equestrian centre.

The single storey, rendered brick, Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with an encircling verandah. These roof forms are clad in green corrugated colorbond. The verandah is supported by stop chamfered timber posts and has a timber floor.

Other early features of the design include the brick chimney, timber framed, 12 paned double hung windows, the front timber framed doorway with highlight, and the smooth rendered masonry quoinwork.

At the side on the front facade, the verandah has been infilled with weatherboard wall cladding, windows and door opening and a bracketed timber window hood.

The nearby rendered brick outbuilding has a simple gable roof form clad in deep red painted galvanised corrugated steel. It has narrow eaves and an early face brick chimney with a corbelled top (part of the corbelling is missing). Other features include the narrow vertical openings in the wall, single timber framed doorway with timber door and the smooth rendered quoinwork.

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