
HO46 - House, 1376-1432 Calder Highway



House

Location

1376-1432 Calder Highway DIGGERS REST, Melton Shire

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO46

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

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The house at 1376-1432 Calder Highway, Diggers Rest, is significant as a predominantly intact example of a rudimentary transitional Late Victorian and Federation style. Built in the early twentieth century and moved to the present site around the time of the Second World War, the house shows signs of substantial deterioration in the weatherboard wall cladding and front verandah in particular. The main roof has been recently reclad in corrugated sheet metal roofing.

The house at 1376-1432 Calder Highway, Diggers Rest, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2, E.1). Although relocated, it demonstrates original design qualities of a rudimentary transitional Late Victorian and Federation style. These qualities include the simple gambrel roof form that traverses the site, together with the hipped convex verandah that projects towards the road. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated sheet metal roof cladding, face red brick chimney, narrow eaves, central timber framed doorway with four panelled timber door, twelve paned timber framed double hung windows, timber verandah posts with simple timber capitals, and the timber fretwork verandah valance.

The house at 1376-1432 Calder Highway, Diggers Rest, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2). It is associated with two of the Diggers Rest industrial proprietors, Robinson Brothers (Chaff Mill), and EA Tame (Wire Wire Fence Co.). It is by far the oldest and most intact house remaining in the town of Diggers Rest. It is prominently situated, on the Calder Highway, close to the road, and relatively isolated. The coppiced gums contribute a rural character to the place.

Overall, the house at 1376-1432 Calder 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	1910, 1940,
Other Names	1376-1432 Calder Highway Diggers Rest (Lot 1 TP 381510),
Hermes Number	30033
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Physical Description 1

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The house off the Calder Highway, Diggers Rest, has a rural setting. The site is bound at the front by an introduced cyclone wire fence, approximately 1800 mm high. Some mature eucalypts are located to the side and rear of the house and there is little (if any) garden, apart from open grassed areas and some side shrubbery. Small piles of rubble are located under the front verandah.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, rudimentary transitional Late Victorian and Federation styled house is characterised by a simple gambrel roof form that traverses the site, together with a hipped convex verandah that projects towards the road. These roof forms are clad in corrugated galvanised sheet metal roofing. An early face red brick chimney adorns the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

The symmetry of the design is accentuated by the early central timber framed doorway with an early four panelled timber door, and the flanking early twelve paned timber framed double hung windows.

An early feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by timber posts with simple timber capitals and is adorned with a timber fretwork valance.

Towards the rear is a skillion wing and two round corrugated galvanised steel water tanks, while at the side is a recent ice refrigerator.

The house is sited amongst coppice gums, and adjacent to (south side of) the Diggers Rest Auto Repairs and Service.

Integrity

Integrity - Moderate (has been relocated)

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Poor

Historical Australian Themes

Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Farming', 'Community'

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