
HO51 - Arrunga



Arrunga

Location

77-347 Holden Rd PLUMPTON, Melton Shire

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO51

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

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The house known as 'Arrunga' at 77-347 Holden Road, Diggers Rest, is significant as a moderately intact, although rudimentary, example of a Late Federation style. Built in the early twentieth century, the house has experienced some alterations and additions, but the original design qualities are still clearly discernible.

The house known as 'Arrunga' at 77-347 Holden Road is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). It demonstrates some original design qualities of a rudimentary Late Federation style. These qualities include the recessed hipped roof form, together with two gable roof forms that project at the front and side and the return

bullnosed verandah that accentuates the overall diagonal composition. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated sheet metal roof cladding, two face brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops, narrow eaves with decorative timber brackets, turned timber posts with decorative timber brackets, timber verandah fretwork valances, interwar Bungalow styled banks of timber framed double hung box windows under the projecting gables, other timber framed double hung windows, timber window brackets, and the timber framed doorways. The mature cypresses and eucalypts also contribute to the significant setting of the place.

The house known as 'Arrunga' at 77-347 Holden Road is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A.4). It is a representative example of the many small to medium sized farms and homesteads established as a consequence of the historic break-up of the large pastoral estates in Melton Shire in the early twentieth century, in particular the Clarkes' vast *Rockbank* estate.

Overall, the house known as 'Arrunga' at 77-347 Holden Road 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;
Other Names	77-347 Holden Rd, Plumpton (Sec.31 Parish of Maribyrnong) Lot No.3,
Hermes Number	30043
Property Number	

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 known as 'Arrunga' at 77-347 Holden Road, Diggers Rest, is set on a large rural allotment. It is surrounded by rows of mature cypresses, eucalypts along the double driveway, with a scatter of trees in front. The driveway has a stone entranceway and the remains of a dry stone wall which continues for some way to the west.

The single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, rudimentary Late Federation styled house is characterised by a recessed hipped roof form, together with two gable roof forms that project at the front and side: the diagonal composition being accentuated by the return bullnosed verandah. These roof forms are clad in recent corrugated sheet metal roofing. Towards the rear are later modestly scaled additions. Two early face brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs with decorative timber brackets are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the return verandah. It is supported by recent (but appropriate) turned timber posts that also feature decorative timber brackets. The verandah also has early timber fretwork valances.

Other early features of the design include the interwar Bungalow styled banks of timber framed double hung box windows under the projecting gables, other timber framed double hung windows, timber window brackets, and the timber framed doorways.

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