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## HO74 - Parklea



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### Location

148-200 Abey Rd COBBLEBANK, MELTON CITY

### Municipality

MELTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO74

### Heritage Listing

Melton City

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### Statement of Significance

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'Parklea' at 148-200 Abey Rd, Melton South, is significant as an intact example of a modest interwar Bungalow style house, and for its association with the locally prominent Robinson family. The rear outbuildings may be earlier than the Interwar Bungalow.

The house at 148-200 Abey Rd, Melton South, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). It demonstrates original design qualities of a modest interwar Bungalow style. These qualities include the gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the verandah gable that projects towards the front. Other intact or

appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, green painted and lapped galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, brick chimney, broad eaves with exposed timber rafters, brick verandah piers, timber framed double hung windows (including the banks of three at the front), timber framed door opening with sidelight and the gable infill (sheet panelling and vertical timber battening).

'Parklea' at 148-200 Abey Rd, Melton South, is aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC E.1). The setting of the property demonstrates important visual qualities as defined by the long drive flanking mature peppercorn trees, mature cypress trees nearby the house and the rear outbuildings.

'Parklea' at 148-200 Abey Rd, Melton South, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC B2, H1). It is a relatively scarce remaining example of an interwar farming property in the Shire. It is also associated with the Robinson family, who were Melton's pioneering hay making farmers. A member of the family was represented on the Melton Council for most years in the twentieth century; the Robinson family donated the 'President's Seat', the carved chair used by Melton Shire Presidents since 1966. The outbuildings, tank stand and huts and plantings constitute noteworthy evidence of an earlier farming complex.

Overall, 'Parklea' at 148-200 Abey Road, Melton South 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	1935,
Other Names	148-200 Abey Rd, Melton South (off Fraser Street),
Hermes Number	30100
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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*Parklea* at 148-200 Abey Rd, Melton South, consists of an interwar Bungalow styled house with rear hipped and gabled outbuildings and a long driveway from the Toolern Creek ford access to the property flanked by mature peppercorn trees that would appear to date from the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. Mature cypress trees are situated nearby the house.

The asymmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, interwar Bungalow styled house is characterised by a gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a verandah gable that projects towards the front. These roof forms are clad in green painted and lapped galvanised corrugated steel. An early brick chimney adorns the roofline towards the rear. Broad overhangs with exposed timber rafters are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the verandah gable. It is supported by introduced paired timber posts on brick piers. The timber posts have possibly replaced concrete columns, the piers possibly previously featuring concrete cappings.

Other early intact features of the design include the timber framed double hung windows (including the banks of three at the front), timber framed door opening with sidelight and the gable infill (sheet panelling and vertical timber battening).

The two rear outbuildings have hipped and/or gabled roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated steel and there is a very interesting tank-stand and well. They are clad in horizontal timber weatherboard and galvanised corrugated steel. They are generally in poor condition, but constitute an interesting farming complex.

## **Integrity**

Integrity - Substantially intact

## **Physical Conditions**

Physical Condition - Good/poor

## **Historical Australian Themes**

*Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Farming'; 'Community'*

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