
HO86 - Macs Cottage



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Location

68-74 Reserve Road MELTON, MELTON SHIRE

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO86

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

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The house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park, Melton, has significance as a moderately intact example of a Late Victorian style. Although relocated, the general form, construction and rudimentary detailing is reflective of late nineteenth and very early twentieth century architectural development.

The house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park, Melton, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although relocated to this site, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with the hipped bullnosed verandah that

projects towards the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated sheet metal roofing, narrow eaves, central timber framed doorway with four panelled timber door and highlight above, flanking timber framed double hung windows, and the turned timber verandah posts. The front timber picket fence also contributes to the setting of the place.

The house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park, Melton, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4 B2). It is a rare remaining example of a turn of the century house in the town of Melton, and the only building associated with one of the town's original nineteenth century hotels.

Macs Cottage is socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC G1). The relocation of the building in The Willows Historical Park is expressive the community's value of the building and the former 'Mac's' (or Minns) hotel with which it was associated during a period of major redevelopment in the town.

Overall, the house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park, Melton, 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	1913,
Other Names	The Willows Historical Park, Nixon/McKenzie Street, Melton,
Hermes Number	30137
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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The house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park has been relocated to this site. It is set on a small allotment having a modest front setback bound by a low timber picket fence at the front. The front garden is comprised of an open grassed area with perimeter garden beds and some shrubbery.

The single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Late Victorian styled house is characterised by a simple hipped roof form, together with a hipped bullnosed verandah that projects towards the front. These roof forms are clad in corrugated sheet metal roofing. An introduced rendered brick chimney adorns the roofline to one side. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

Early features of the design include the symmetrical composition of the front facade, with its central timber framed doorway having a four panelled timber door with highlight above, and the flanking timber framed double hung windows.

Another feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by introduced (but appropriate) turned timber posts. The interior was extensively renovated for community use in 2006/7.

Historical Australian Themes

Melton Historical Themes: 'Community'

Integrity

Integrity - Relocated - moderately intact.

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Good

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