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# HOUSE



40 Gloucester Street

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## Location

40 GLOUCESTER STREET, RESERVOIR, DAREBIN CITY

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO268

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

The house at 40 Gloucester Street, Reservoir, built by 1916 for Henry Wilkins, a poultry farmer, is significant. It is a Queen Anne-style asymmetrical block (ashlar) fronted weatherboard villa, now situated on a suburban allotment. It has a high hip and gable roof with (new) corrugated colourbond steel. There are two tall brick chimneys with rendered tops and terracotta pots. The separate verandah has a timber frieze and brackets with art-nouveau detailing. A notable feature is the window detailing to the projecting bay. This comprises a half-timbered flying gable with a narrow throat above the hipped hood (with a timber frieze and curved brackets) over the tripartite casement and transom bay window. The other window underneath the verandah is also a tripartite

casement and transom, but not a bay. There is a panelled front door with a large sidelight and highlight, which appears to contain leadlight (It is not known whether this is original).

Later alterations and/or additions, including the large gabled garage on the north side of the house, the cyclone wire fence, and other more recent garden plantings are not significant.

*How is it significant?*

The house at 40 Gloucester Street, Reservoirs of local historic and architectural significance to Darebin City.

*Why is it significant?*

Historically, the house is significant as evidence as a house associated with the small farms established in Reservoir just prior to suburban development in the inter-war period. The house is architecturally significant as a representative and well-detailed example of a Queen Anne style weatherboard house, which is relatively intact and has notable detailing to the projecting bay window. The setting of the house is enhanced by the Canary Island Palm. The significance of the house is enhanced by its rarity value as one of a small number of surviving early twentieth century farmhouses in this part of Darebin. (AHC criteria A.4, B.2 & D.2)

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1916,

Hermes Number 44150

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

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The garden contains a semi-mature Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*), which is an appropriate planting that contributes to the setting of the house. Other garden plantings are relatively recent.

A large gabled garage has been built on the north side of the house. The cyclone wire fence dates from the post-World War Two era.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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