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# HOUSE



685 Gilbert Street

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## Location

685 Gilbert Road, RESERVOIR VIC 3073

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO266

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

The house at 685 Gilbert Road, Reservoir, built c.1890 as a farmhouse for the Staples family until the 1920s. It is a double fronted Victorian era farmhouse, which is constructed in bi-chromatic brickwork. It has a cast iron verandah and frieze, which is enclosed by projecting wing walls at either end. The centrally placed front door has sidelights and highlights and flanked by tripartite windows, while other windows are double hung sash. Other detailing includes eaves brackets and consoles to ends of the wing walls and there are two bi-chromatic brick chimneys with moulded tops.

The house in terms of its form, scale, materials (excluding roofing and other recent material) and architectural embellishment is significant.

Later alterations and/or additions, including the tiles on the roof, the post-war addition at the rear of the house and the high brick front fence, are not significant

***How is it significant?***

The house at 685 Gilbert Road, Reservoir is of local historic and architectural significance to Darebin City.

***Why is it significant?***

Historically, the house at 685 Gilbert Road, Reservoir is significant as a representative example of a Victorian era brick farmhouse with typical detailing, which is associated with development of small farms in Reservoir in the late nineteenth century. The significance of the house is enhanced by its rarity value as one of a small number of relatively intact late nineteenth century farmhouses within Reservoir. It has important associations with the Staples family, one of the early farming families to settle in this area. (AHC criteria A.4, B.2, D.2 & H.1)

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

Construction dates 1890,

Hermes Number 26701

Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

This is a double fronted Victorian era farmhouse, which is constructed in bi-chromatic brickwork. It has a cast iron verandah with frieze that is enclosed by projecting wing walls at either end. The centrally placed front door has sidelights and highlights and is flanked by tripartite windows, while other original windows in the side elevations are double hung sash. Other detailing includes the eaves brackets, the consoles to the ends of the wing walls and the bi-chromatic chimneys with moulded tops.

The roof has been replaced in tiles and there is a post-war addition at the rear of the house. The view of the house from Gilbert Road is partly concealed behind a high brick fence.

*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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