
HOUSE



689 Gilbert Street,
RESERVOIR

Location

689 Gilbert Road, RESERVOIR VIC 3073

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO267

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is significant?

The house was constructed by 1892 for Joseph Gilbert, a dairy farmer, at 689 Gilbert Road, Reservoir is significant. It is a Victorian era asymmetrical farmhouse constructed with finely detailed bichromatic brickwork. The return verandah has a tessellated tile floor and is supported on timber post with a simple ladder fretwork and carved brackets. The front door has sidelights and highlights and windows are double hung sash, with a pair to each projecting bay that have arched heads with the brickwork forming a 'sunray' pattern. It has a slate roof with

paired eaves brackets and there are brick chimneys with decorative corbelling.

The front fence, and later alterations and/or additions to the property, including the stone fence and the rear additions completed in a faux Victorian style are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 689 Gilbert Road, Reservoir is of local historic and architectural significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the house at 689 Gilbert Road, Reservoir is significant as a representative example of a Victorian era farmhouse, which is associated with development of small farms in Reservoir in the late nineteenth century. It is also significant for its associations with the Gilbert family, who were among the pioneering farmers in this area. It is architecturally significant as a fine example of a Victorian era farmhouse with typical detailing and 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 and the well detailed bi-chromatic brickwork. (AHC criteria A.4, B.2, D.2 & H.1)

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

Construction dates 1892,

Hermes Number 26703

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This is a Victorian era asymmetrical farmhouse constructed in well detailed bi-chromatic brickwork, which is situated on the south-west corner of Academy Avenue. The return verandah has a tessellated tiled floor and is supported on timber posts with a simple ladder fretwork and carved brackets. The windows are double hung sash with a pair to each projecting bay with arched heads with the brickwork forming a 'sunray' pattern. It has a slate roof with paired eaves brackets and there are three brick chimneys with decorative corbelling.

The front brick and stone fence is a later addition. An addition has been made at the rear in a modern interpretation of the Victorian style with almost identical detailing to the original house, including the chimneys.

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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