
HO25 - House, 1374-1404 Gisborne-Melton Road



House

Location

1374 - 1404 Gisborne-Melton Road TOOLERN VALE, Melton Shire

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO25

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

The house at 1374 - 1404 Gisborne-Melton Road is significant as a predominantly intact example of an unassuming Victorian style dwelling, and for its associations with early farming families in the Shire.

The house at 1374 - 1404 Gisborne-Melton Road is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although slightly altered and unassuming in design (which is typical for a number of timber cottages in the Melton area for the era), the house still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with the recently added encircling verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities

include the single symmetrical composition at the front, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated sheet metal roof cladding, modest eaves, central timber framed front doorway, timber framed double hung windows and the timber verandah posts.

The house at 1374 - 1404 Gisborne-Melton Road is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4). Situated on one of a limited number of surviving Melton Shire properties that pre-date the break-up of Melton's large Clarke, Staughton, Taylor, and Patterson pastoral estates, the construction of the house is expressive of both the typical generational change amongst pioneer families, and the general revival of farming, that occurred in the early twentieth century. It is associated with the Burton, Hurley, and Ferris families, pioneering farming families of the Shire.

Overall, the house at 1374 - 1404 Gisborne-Melton Road 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	1889,
Other Names	1374 - 1404 Gisborne-Melton Road, Toolern Vale, Mayfield, Hurley House,
Hermes Number	29976
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Physical Description 1

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The property at 1374 - 1404 Gisborne-Melton Road, is set quite prominently on a rise near the main road between Missens and McCorkells Roads. The house has a well-landscaped garden setting comprising an open grassed area at the front bound by flowers and shrubbery. A number of exotic trees also distinguish the front of the property.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, unassuming Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with an encircling verandah. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

The symmetry of the front facade is accentuated by the early central timber framed doorway and the flanking early timber framed double hung windows. The other timber framed double wings at the sides also appear to be early.

A feature of the design is the return verandah. It is supported by timber posts covered in creeper. There is also an introduced simple timber verandah valance. The owner advises that this verandah and its recent decking were added in the 1990s, replacing a bullnosed verandah.[1] The house is essentially intact, apart from the introduced fabric previously listed and the minor additions towards the rear.

[1] Mrs Rae Hurley, meeting & submission to heritage study, 23/01/07

Integrity

Integrity - Substantially intact

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Good

Historical Australian Themes

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

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