
HO26 - House 'Creighton'



Creighton

Location

1618 Gisborne-Melton Road TOOLERN VALE, MELTON SHIRE

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO26

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

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Creighton, 1618 Gisborne-Melton Road, Melton, is significant as a predominantly intact and contextually rare local example of a face brick Late Victorian style with Federation style rear additions. Built c.1895 for Isaac Robinson, and extended c.1920, the significance of the dwelling is enhanced by its front garden setting and particularly the two mature Canary Island Palm trees.

Creighton, 1618 Gisborne-Melton Road is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2, E.1). It demonstrates original and contextually rare design qualities of a Late Victorian style with Federation style

additions. The original Late Victorian qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, face brick wall construction, hipped roof form and encircling verandah, and the galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the rendered brick chimneys, narrow eaves, cast iron verandah valances and brackets, timber framed double hung windows and the central four panelled timber door at the front. The original Federation qualities of the rear additions include the single storey gable roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel, rendered brick chimneys, face brick wall construction and stuccoed upper walls. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the timber framed double hung windows arranged as banks of three (with highlights) in the gable ends, round windows under the side verandah, and the decorative gable infill (timber battening and stucco panelling and the timber brackets. The mature Canary Island Palm trees at the front, symmetrically placed and with a circular planting bed in front of them in the manner of the period, also contribute to the significance of the place.

Creighton, 1618 Gisborne-Melton Road is historically significant at the LOCAL level (AHC B2, H1). The Robinson family were leaders in the development of the highly important hay growing industry in Werribee-Melton area in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and have also been prominent in the Melton and Diggers Rest chaff mills. The family was represented on Melton Shire Council for most of the twentieth century, with Isaac Robinson of *Creighton* being a three-time Shire President. *Creighton* is also one of very few predominantly intact face brick Late Victorian styled dwellings of local cultural heritage significance in the Shire of Melton, and is situated in a prominent location on a main road.

Overall, *Creighton* at 1618 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	1895, 1919,
Other Names	1618-1642 Gisborne-Melton Road, Melton,
Hermes Number	29978
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Physical Description -

The property known as *Creighton*, 1618 Gisborne-Melton Road, Melton, consists of a substantial brick dwelling in a rural, landscaped setting. At the front are garden beds and two landmark Canary Island Palm trees. The front is bound by a random rubble fence and there is a mature hedge along the side.

The Canary date palms appear to date from the period of construction of the house. The palms are symmetrically placed at the front entrance to the residence in a traditional manner with a circular planting bed in front of them.

The symmetrical, single storey, face brick, Late Victorian styled dwelling is characterised by a hipped roof form clad in galvanised corrugated steel, together with an encircling verandah. Two rendered brick chimneys with multi-corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the encircling post-supported verandah. It is adorned with decorative cast iron valances and brackets.

Other early features include the timber framed double hung windows and the four panelled timber front door.

The projecting gable roof forms at the rear of the dwelling represent early additions of the Federation (c.1895-1915) era. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel and also feature rendered brick chimneys. The rear additions have face brick wall construction with stuccoed upper walls. There are early timber framed

double hung windows arranged as banks of three (with highlights) in the gable ends, together with round windows under the side verandah. Other early features of the addition include the decorative gable infill (timber battening and stucco panelling and the timber brackets.

Historical Australian Themes

Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Farming'; 'Community (Towns and People)'

Integrity

Integrity - High

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Good

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