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## HO85 - Dunvegan (A.K.A. Dunvagen)



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### Location

68-74 Reserve Street MELTON, MELTON SHIRE

### Municipality

MELTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO85

### Heritage Listing

Melton City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

*Dunvegan* within The Willows Historical Park, 68-74 Reserve Road, Melton, is significant as a moderately intact example of a Victorian style. Originally built c.1870, the house appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street. It was demolished and rebuilt on its present site in 1977.

*Dunvegan* within The Willows Historical Park, 68-74 Reserve Road, Melton, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D2). Although relocated to and reconstructed at this site, the house still demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the simple gable roof form, together with the

verandah that projects at the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, coursed, squared rubble bluestone wall construction, corrugated profile sheet metal roofing (but not the zincalume finish), narrow eaves, timber verandah columns, bevelled timber verandah valances, vertical timber boarded fretwork verandah infill at the sides, central timber framed door opening with highlight, and the timber framed 12 paned double hung windows.

*Dunvegan* within The Willows Historical Park is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4 B2). As well as having been a residence, the building has served a variety of public uses, including the town's first police station (for which purpose it was originally built), Mechanic's Institute library, Civil Defence headquarters and State Emergency Service store. It is a rare surviving early bluestone building within the town of Melton.

*Dunvegan* is socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC G1). The relocation of the building in The Willows Historical Park is expressive the community's value of the old bluestone building, a relic of its early days, in a period of major redevelopment within the town.

Overall, *Dunvegan* within The Willows Historical Park at Melton 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	1870,
Other Names	Original Melton Police Station, The Willows Historical Park, corner Nixon & McKenzie Streets, Melton,
Hermes Number	30136
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

Physical Description -

*Dunvegan* is situated within The Willows Historical Park, 68-74 Reserve Road, Melton. It has a small front setback with a garden setting of young shrubbery and open grassed areas. The front is bound by a recent timber picket fence that is approximately 1200 mm high.

The symmetrical, single storey, coursed, squared rubble bluestone, Victorian styled house is characterised by a simple gable roof form, together with a verandah that projects at the front. A skillion horizontal timber weatherboard wing is situated at the rear. These roof forms are clad in recent corrugated zincalume. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by timber columns and has bevelled timber valances. At the sides are vertical timber boarded fretwork infill.

The symmetry of the design is identified in the early central timber framed door opening (with highlight) at the front and the flanking early timber framed 12 paned double hung windows. Similar windows are found on the side facades.

## Historical Australian Themes

*Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Community'*

## **Integrity**

Integrity - Moderately intact

## **Physical Conditions**

Physical Condition - Good

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