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## HO107 - House, 285 Nerowie Road, Parwan



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### Location

285 Nerowie Road PARWAN, Melton Shire

### Municipality

MELTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO107

### Heritage Listing

Melton City

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### Statement of Significance

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The house at No. 285 Nerowie Road Parwan, is significant as a predominantly intact example of a Late Victorian Picturesque style, representing only one of four known dwellings of this style in the Melton Shire. Originally built in the 1890s or early 1900s as part of Stephen John Staughton's *Nerowie* estate, it was moved approximately c.1.5 kilometres from its original site, sometime after 1910.

The house at No. 285 Nerowie Road Parwan, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although relocated, it demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian Picturesque style. These qualities include

the steeply pitched gable roof forms clad in corrugated sheet metal, modest eaves and the wide encircling verandah clad in lapped galvanised corrugated steel sheeting. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, brick chimney (albeit reconstructed), timber framed double hung windows, timber framed doorway, and the timber finials and pendants in the gable ends.

The house at No. 285 Nerowie Road Parwan is historically significant at the LOCAL level (AHC B2, H1). It was built c.1893 by Stephen John Staughton, President of the Shire of Bacchus Marsh, and third generation of the Staughton pastoral family, which, with the Clarkes and the Chirnsides, were the dominant landholders in north-western Port Phillip region in the nineteenth century. It was built in the final era of pastoral dominance, when political sentiment and economic forces combined to 'break up' huge pastoral estates in favour of 'closer settlement', or farming of the former grazing lands. Together with the other major Staughton properties (*Exford*, *Eynesbury* and *Staughton Vale*), *Nerowie* was sold by the family in the early twentieth century. The relocation of this house away from the brick section of the *Nerowie* homestead, onto another part of the property, literally demonstrates the 'break up' of this pastoral estate. With *Nerowie* it is a remaining link with Stephen George Staughton and his demolished mansion, *Brooklyn*.

Overall, the house at No. 285 Nerowie Road Parwan 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	1893, 1910,
Other Names	285 Nerowie Road, Parwan,
Hermes Number	30246
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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The house at 285 Nerowie Road, Parwan has a rural setting. Garden beds are situated around the perimeter of the house and there is also a timber post and wire rural fence around the house yard.

The symmetrical, single storey, horizontal timber weatherboard, Victorian Picturesque styled dwelling is characterised by a double steeply pitched gable roof form clad in corrugated sheet metal. A reconstructed brick chimney adorns the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the wide encircling verandah clad in lapped galvanised corrugated steel. It is supported by timber posts. Other early features include the central timber framed doorway and the timber framed double hung windows. The timber finials and pendants in the gable ends also represent another early feature.

The design mirrors the brick homestead and 'chapel room' that remains at 155 Nerowie Road, Parwan. (HO98)

## Historical Australian Themes

*Shire of Melton Historical Themes: 'Pastoralism'; 'Farming'*

## Integrity

Integrity - Relocated & Predominantly Intact

## **Physical Conditions**

Physical Conditions - Good

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