

Heritage Overlay No.: 026
Citation No.: 032
Place: House 'Creighton', 1618 Gisborne-Melton Road

Other Names of Place: N/A
Location: 1618- Gisborne-Melton Road, Melton
Critical Dates: c.1895 (construction of main brick house); rear brick addition (1919-20)
Existing Heritage Listings: None
Recommended Level of Significance: LOCAL



Statement of Significance:

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.