

Heritage Overlay No.: 056
Citation No.: 120
Place: ‘Gollers Court’, 1366 Melton Highway

Other Names of Place: N/A
Location: 1366-1496 Melton Hwy, Plumpton
Critical Dates: Constructed: c.1906-11
Existing Heritage Listings: None
Recommended Level of Significance: LOCAL



Statement of Significance:

Gollers Court at 1366-1496 Melton Hwy, Plumpton, is significant as an unusual example of a transitional Late Victorian/Federation styled house with concrete wall construction. Built c.1906-11, the property also has a remnant concrete tank with construction similar to the rear later skillion wing of the house. *Gollers Court* was burnt in a fire in 2008 and so is now in a ruinous state. It is also significant as a representative example of the farmhouses built as a result of the break up of the Clarke *Rockbank* estate, a watershed in the history of the Shire of Melton.

Gollers Court at 1366 Keilor-Melton Highway is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC. D.2). It demonstrates original design qualities of a transitional Late Victorian and Federation style. These qualities include the broad gambrel roof form, together with the shallow concave verandah that projects towards the front and the skillion wing at the rear.

Consultants: David Moloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie (2006) Sera-Jane Peters (2009)

Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, symmetrical composition, camerated concrete or reinforced concrete wall construction (including internal walls), two tapered roughcast chimneys with terra cotta pots, modest eaves, turned timber verandah posts, decorative cast iron verandah brackets, smooth-rusticated quoinwork, and the concrete window sills.

Gollers Court at 1366 Keilor-Melton Highway is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4) as one of the most distinctive, intact and prominently situated remaining examples of the many small to medium sized farm homesteads built in the Melton Shire the early twentieth century, which are expressive of both the historic 'break-up' of the large pastoral properties in that era, in particular the massive Clarke *Rockbank* estate, a turning point in the history of the Shire of Melton, and also of the new farming prosperity in that period. The place is also significant for its commemoration of the part of EV Goller, and other small investors/graziers who were acquired property in Melton Shire during that period.

Gollers Court at 1366 Keilor-Melton Highway is scientifically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC F.1). It illustrates a form of unusual camerated and/or reinforced concrete wall construction for a domestic building of the very early twentieth century and is of importance for contributing to an understanding of concrete technology of that era.

Overall, *Gollers Court* at 1366 Keilor-Melton Highway is of LOCAL significance.