

Heritage Overlay No.: 086
Citation No.: 229
Place: 'Macs Cottage'

Other Names of Place: The Willows Historical Park
Location: 68-74 Reserve Road, Melton
Critical Dates: c.1913-14
Existing Heritage Listings: None
Recommended Level of Significance: LOCAL



Statement of Significance:

The house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park, Melton, has significance as a moderately intact example of a Late Victorian style. Although relocated, the general form, construction and rudimentary detailing is reflective of late nineteenth and very early twentieth century architectural development.

The house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park, Melton, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although relocated to this site, it still demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with the hipped bullnosed verandah that projects towards the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated sheet metal roofing, narrow eaves, central timber framed doorway with four panelled timber door and highlight above, flanking timber framed double hung windows, and the turned timber verandah posts. The front timber picket fence also contributes to the setting of the place.

The house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park, Melton, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4 B2). It is a rare remaining example of a turn of the century house in the town of Melton, and the only building associated with one of the town's original nineteenth century hotels.

Macs Cottage 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 building and the former 'Mac's' (or Minns) hotel with which it was associated during a period of major redevelopment in the town.

Overall, the house known as Macs Cottage in The Willows Historical Park, Melton, is of LOCAL significance.