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# FAIRFIELD POST OFFICE (FORMER)



City of Darebin Heritage  
Review 2000



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## Location

92-96 Arthur Street, FAIRFIELD VIC 3078

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

The former Fairfield Post Office, situated at 92 -96 Arthur Street, Fairfield built in 1923 to the design of the Commonwealth Department of Works and Railways under the direction of H. Mackennal, Works Director is significant.

### *How is it significant?*

The former Fairfield Post Office is of local historical and architectural significance to the City of Darebin.

### *Why is it significant?*

It is historically significant (Criterion A) as the centre for the delivery of mail services to Fairfield from 1923 and for a period for the provision of telephone services. Its origins as a New South Wales Government Architect's Office

design subsequently developed successfully by the Commonwealth is of interest.

It is architecturally significant (Criterion D) as a substantially intact example of a widely used Georgian Revival design that together with its variations was largely responsible for the public image of the former Post and Telegraph Department throughout the Inter-War period.

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Review, Andrew Ward, 2000;

Construction dates 1923,

Architect/Designer MacKenna, Horace J,

Hermes Number 24054

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A standard Inter-War period Commonwealth designed Georgian Revival post office with raised central parapeted section with flanking flat roofed porches, emphasis being given to these elements by means of rusticated brick surrounds and stuccoed architraves. The central section is trabeated with three double hung windows and there is a surmounting painted brick panel intended to receive the name "Post Office". There is also an encircling stuccoed frieze beneath the principal terra cotta tiled hipped roof inside, accommodation includes the public space and mail room with services at the rear.

## Historical Australian Themes

7. Governing.

7.5 Developing administrative structures and authorities.

## Integrity

High

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