
HOUSES



City of Darebin Heritage
Review 2000



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Location

12-16 CHRISTMAS STREET, NORTHCOTE, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO116

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The attached pair of houses and detached villa at nos. 12-16 Christmas Street, Northcote, built possibly by the contractor Charles Bacon for the gentleman investor, John Scott, in 1890.

How is it significant?

The attached pair of houses and detached villa at nos. 12-16 Christmas Street, Northcote is of local aesthetic

significance to the City of Darebin.

Why is it significant?

The houses are aesthetically significant (Criterion E) on account of their unusual cast cement niches and for the manner in which the details including the bi-chromatic brickwork and cast cement ornamentation enable them to be recognised as the work of a single owner. The unusual use of clinker bricks may be linked with the products of the nearby Northcote Brick Works which was a vast undertaking occupying the site of the present Northcote Shopping Plaza. They are in other respects representative investment buildings of their time.

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

Nos. 12-14 are an attached pair of late Victorian bi-chromatic brick dwellings with clinkers for face bricks and cream dressings giving emphasis to the niches and eaves frieze and forming a two course band across the facade. The hipped roofs are corrugated iron clad and there are parapeted party walls extended to terminate the front verandahs which are devoid of ornamentation. Cast ornamentation to the party walls is redolent of a cornucopia with grapes spilling out from shell ends. The niches have images of flowers in cast cement.

No. 16 is a detached late Victorian bi-chromatic brick villa also with clinkers for face bricks and cream dressings giving emphasis to the niches and eaves frieze and forming a two course band across the facade. The roof is of slate and hipped and there are symmetrical chimneys. Parapeted side walls are extended to terminate the front verandah which is timber posted with a timber frieze rail and cast iron lace ornamentation. The facade is symmetrical and relieved with niches having images of flowers in cast cement, the presumed cornucopia ornaments being reiterated.

Condition: Sound. Integrity: High, unsympathetic front fences to nos. 12-14.

* all have new concrete ver flooring

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Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

4. Building settlements, towns and cities (Northcote - Croxton).

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