

## Pleasant View



City of Darebin Heritage  
Review 2000



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NOT within Heritage Overlay Area.

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### Location

117 Wood Street PRESTON, Darebin City

### Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO92

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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Pleasant View (formerly Lyonsville) is of local architectural and historical significance.

Built in 1887, Lyonsville may have been the largest residence constructed in Preston and was one of a relatively small number of mansions to be built in the district. Its continuous use from c1910 to 1995 firstly as a private mental hospital and later a psychiatric assessment centre is significant in relation to the development of mental health services in Victoria.

Designed by the prominent Melbourne architects Twentyman and Askew, the flamboyant Italianate style of the house reflects the economic buoyancy of the 1880s Boom period and is representative of the many mansions constructed in Melbourne suburbs during this decade.

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## Physical Description 1

The house is a large two-storey Italianate style building, probably of brick construction, with rendered walls. The front elevation, facing east, has double storey arcaded verandahs, the moulded arcading being supported on cast-iron columns. At the centre of the balustraded first floor verandah parapet is a pediment supported on fluted brackets. On the north elevation is a single-storey arcaded verandah with an open balcony above. At eaves level on the front and side elevations is a moulded and bracketed cornice. The hipped roof, probably originally slated, has been reclad with terracotta tiles. The rendered chimneys have moulded cornices and attached half-columns on the end faces.

At the rear of the building is a large service wing, plainer but otherwise similar in style to the main block. A number of alterations have been made to the rear elevation. The building was extended, probably in c1922, by the construction of a wing on the north-west side of the original building. Designed in Georgian Revival style, the relatively intact north elevation is faced with red brick and has multi-paned sash windows. The steep-pitched hipped roof is covered with grey concrete tiles. The east-facing front elevation has been substantially altered by the rendering of the original brickwork with a pink-coloured pebble mix material and the replacement of the

windows with aluminium-framed sliding windows.

The entry hall, with the original stair and stained glass stair window and front door fanlight, are substantially intact. The remainder of the interior has been substantially altered, including installation of suspended ceilings, fluorescent lighting and other services, and removal of original joinery and fireplaces

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