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# HOUSE



34 King William Street,  
Reservoir

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## Location

34 King William Street, RESERVOIR VIC 3073

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO273

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

This house at 34 King William Street, Reservoir, constructed c.1892 for Emily and Albert Crispe, is significant. It is a two-storey rendered brick Victorian house with a hipped roof clad in corrugated galvanised steel. It has two rendered brick chimneys with mouldings at their tops. It is set back from its street boundary behind a mature garden and concealed from view from the street by a high timber paling fence. It occupies one-half of a double block. The house has a pair of timber frame tripartite windows on its upper level, and arched window and door

openings on its lower level. A cast iron balustrade extends across the upstairs balcony, and there is a cast iron frieze on the lower level verandah.

The later alterations/additions and the front fence are not significant.

*How is it significant?*

The house at 34 King William Street, Reservoir is of local historic and architectural significance to Darebin City.

*Why is it significant?*

Historically, the house is significant as it provides evidence of the first phase of suburban subdivision and development in Reservoir during the late nineteenth century. It was one of the first houses to be constructed within this part of Darebin and is now one of a small number of relatively intact dwellings from the Victorian period to survive. It is also significant as a representative example of a substantial middle class villa, which has important associations with the locally important Crispe family. (AHC criteria A.4, B.2, D.2 & H.1)

The house is architecturally significant within Reservoir as a relatively substantial example of a Victorian house that has architectural embellishment and other elements that are typical of this period. (AHC criterion D.2)

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1892,

Hermes Number 27103

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

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