

SHOPS (FORMER)



Bank of Cyprus, 471-73 High Street, Preston

Location

471-73 HIGH STREET, PRESTON, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO227

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The building, designed by G.J. & B. Sutherland and constructed by 1937, at 471-3 High Street, Preston is significant. The following elements contribute to the significance of the place:

- the intact Moderne detailing to the upper facades of the two storey section facing High Street and Murray Road and

- the single storey addition with Moderne detailing along Murray road to the rear of the building.

Later alterations and additions, including shopfronts and street awnings are not significant.

How is it significant?

The building at 471-3 High Street, Preston is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant as evidence of the commercial development associated with the post First World War boom when the population of Preston trebled within a decade. It illustrates the significant development in the decade after Preston was proclaimed a city in 1926 that cemented the role of this part of High Street as the civic and commercial heart of Preston. (AHC criteria A.4 & D.2)

It is architecturally significant as a representative example of an inter-war commercial building. It is notable for its intact upper level detailing, which illustrates the influence of the Moderne style upon inter-war architecture. (AHC criterion D.2)

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

Construction dates 1939,

Architect/Designer Sutherland, Gordon J., Sutherland, Gordon & Bruce,

Other Names Bank of Cyprus,

Hermes Number 27314

Property Number

Physical Description 1

A two-storey Inter-war brick Moderne shop/commercial building, on the southwest corner of High Street and Murray Road. The Bank of Cyprus Australia occupies the corner shop, and there are two other shops that form the complex in High Street, and another in Murray Road. At the street corner the building is splayed and its lower level has a metal frame shopfront of recent origin. A cantilevered awning extends across its east (High Street) elevation and north (Murray Road) elevation between the ground and first floors.

The upper parts of the east and north elevations are relatively intact. They have double-hung sash windows with horizontal glazing bars. These windows are set in a horizontal brick band that extends across both elevations: the dark brickwork of the building complementing the dark clinker brick Anglican church opposite. On the parapet are horizontal and vertical mouldings of a Moderne style. This parapet conceals the building's hipped roof clad in corrugated galvanised steel sheeting. A single-storey wing, either original or a sympathetic addition, extends to the west along Murray Road.

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