

## HOUSE AND FORMER DOCTOR'S SURGERY



662 High Street, Reservoir

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### Location

662 HIGH STREET, RESERVOIR, DAREBIN CITY

### Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO307

### Heritage Listing

Darebin City

### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 7, 2008

#### *What is significant?*

This house at 662 High Street, Reservoir was erected by 1937 for Dr. L.A. Neale, physician. It is a substantial two-storey rendered brick Georgian Revival house, with a hipped roof clad in terracotta tiles. There are two tall rendered brick chimneys adjacent to the north (Edgar Street) elevation. The building sits upon a clinker brick base. The windows of the house are timber frame with multi-paned upper and lower sashes. The lower level of the building projects out towards High Street; its roof forming a balcony for the upper level on this elevation. The original form, detailing and siting of the house, the garage and the front fence (excluding the steel railing) contributes to the significance of the place.

Later alterations and/or additions are not significant.

#### *How is it significant?*

This house and former doctor's surgery at 662 High Street, Reservoir is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Darebin City.

#### *Why is it significant?*

Historically, the house is significant as it provides evidence of an important phase of suburban development in Reservoir during the Inter-war period both as a dwelling and the provision of an essential service being a medical practice. It is also significant as a representative example of an inter-war doctor's surgery and residence. (AHC criteria A.4, D.2)

The house is architecturally significant as a relatively substantial and intact example of a Georgian Revival house with architectural embellishment and other elements typical of this style. It is one of just two known examples of the Georgian Revival style and one of only a small number of substantial middle-class houses in Preston. (AHC criteria B.2, D.2)

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

Construction dates 1937,

Hermes Number 27316

Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

This building on the southeast corner of High Street and Edgar Street is a substantial two-storey rendered brick Georgian Revival house, with a hipped roof clad in terracotta tiles. There are two tall rendered brick chimneys adjacent to the north (Edgar Street) elevation. The building sits upon a clinker brick base. The windows of the house are timber frame with multi-paned upper and lower sashes. The lower level of the building projects out towards High Street; its roof forming a balcony for the upper level on this elevation.

The house is set back from both its High Street and Edgar Street boundaries behind a mature garden. There is a single car garage at its rear along the Edgar Street boundary. The original clinker brick boundary fence is extant, but has been altered unsympathetically with the fitting of a steel railing at its top. With the former State Savings Bank of Victoria on the northeast corner of High Street and Edgar Street, the two form a notable gateway to Edgar Street, when entering from High Street.

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