
Edgar Street Precinct



2-18 Edgar Street, Precinct

Location

2-18 EDGAR STREET, RESERVOIR, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO306

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Edgar Street Precinct comprises the houses at 2-18 Edgar Street, Reservoir on the north side, between High Street and Arlington Street. It is an inter-war residential subdivision that developed quickly during the second half of the 1920s - the first houses were erected by 1925 and the street was fully developed by 1930. The following elements contribute to the significance of the place:

- The inter-war houses, which are largely intact to the main facades as viewed from the street, and the extent to which development in one short period is apparent.
- The detached garden siting with consistent setbacks from street boundaries.
- The brick house at No.12, which is a substantial brick villa with a slate tile roof that extends down to form the roof of the front verandah, which is supported by paired concrete columns.

Non-original alterations and additions to the contributory houses and other buildings are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Edgar Street Precinct in Reservoir is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the Edgar Street, Precinct in Reservoir is significant as evidence of the rapid residential development in Preston and Reservoir in the decade after the electrification of the nearby Whittlesea Railway Line, which provided fast and efficient transport from Melbourne's middle and outer-ring suburbs to the city. The housing in the precinct is characteristic of medium scale suburban housing of the inter-war period. (AHC criteria A.4 & D.2)

Aesthetically, the Edgar Street Precinct in Reservoir is significant as a representative example of an early twentieth century residential subdivision. Its aesthetic qualities include the wide street, and its medium scale, but well designed Californian Bungalows, set back from their street boundaries behind mature gardens. (AHC criterion E.1)

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

Construction dates 1925,

Hermes Number 27347

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This is an inter-war residential precinct of relatively substantial dwellings, predominantly Californian Bungalows, on the north side of Edgar Street, between High Street and Arlington Street. The south side of the street, which contains some Inter-war dwellings, has had its cohesion diminished by dwellings and unsympathetic alterations and additions of more recent origin.

The houses on the north side of Edgar Street have consistent setbacks from their street boundaries behind mature gardens. The houses are both weatherboard and brick. Edgar Street is relatively wide, which adds to the character of the precinct. Of note is the brick house, at the corner of Allchin Street, which is a substantial brick villa with a slate tile roof, which extends down to form the roof of the house's front verandah, which is supported by paired concrete columns. Although alterations have been made to this house, they are sympathetic.

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