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# RESERVOIR METHODIST CHURCH (FORMER)



Methodist Church (Former),  
34 George Street

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## Location

34 George Street, RESERVOIR VIC 3073

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO264

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

The Reservoir Methodist Church at 34 George Street, Reservoir, constructed in 1934 to a design by Raymond G. Wilson, is significant. It is a modest inter-war Gothic Revival church set back from George Street by a lawn. The church has a gable roof clad in terracotta tiles. The walls of the church are red brick and the street facing elevation has a red brick porch projecting towards the street. The porch is entered from its sides, and it is flanked by pointed arched windows on the wall of the main part of the church. The wall of the porch facing the street has

a four-centred arched stained glass window. On the wall of the church above the porch is a smaller four-centred arched window. The side walls of the church are divided into bays by piers/buttresses, with each bay having a pointed arched window.

Later alterations and additions and other buildings on the site are not significant.

*How is it significant?*

The former Reservoir Methodist Church at 34 George Street, Reservoir is of local historic, architectural and social significance to Darebin City.

*Why is it significant?*

Historically, the former Reservoir Methodist Church is significant as a representative example of a simple inter-war Gothic Revival church, which is associated with the first phase of suburban development in Reservoir during the inter-war period. The architectural and historic significance of the church is enhanced by its high level of intactness and its rarity value as the only surviving inter-war church in Reservoir. (AHC criteria A.4, B.2, D.2)

Socially, the former Reservoir Methodist Church is significant as a building that is known, used and valued by the local community over 70 years. It illustrates the continuing strength of the Methodist faith as an important denomination in Darebin in the twentieth century. (AHC criterion G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Darebin - Darebin Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2011;
Construction dates	1934,
Architect/Designer	Wilson, RG,
Other Names	Darebin North West Uniting Church Community Living Centre,
Hermes Number	44152
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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