
High Street (Reservoir) Precinct



HIGH STREET EAST SIDE



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HIGH STREET WEST SIDE



High Street Reservoir, No
763-765

Location

658-94 and 763-93 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

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What is significant?

The High Street Reservoir precinct, which comprises the properties at 658-694 and 763-793 High Street. The following elements contribute to the significance of the precinct.

- The shops to the extent of the inter-war fabric including surviving original/early shopfronts and awnings. The consistency of scale and original inter-war detailing is integral to significance of the precinct.
- The former State Savings Bank of Victoria branch at No.666, which is of individual significance (Please refer to separate citation)
- The residence and former doctor's surgery at No.662, which is of individual significance (Please refer to separate citation).

Non-original alterations and additions to the inter-war buildings and the buildings at 775-781 and 674-682 are not significant.

How is it significant?

The High Street, Reservoir precinct is of local historic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

The High Street, Reservoir precinct is historically significant as a representative example of an inter-war neighbourhood level shopping strip, which provides evidence of the suburban expansion of Preston during the 1920s development boom and in particular how the electrification of the Whittlesea railway stimulated commercial development along the route. As a representative example it demonstrates the strong associations between the development of commercial centres and public transport in the early to mid-twentieth century and how small centres with a range of services including shopping, financial and medical were established within easy walking distance of residential areas. (AHC criteria A.4, D.2)

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

Construction dates 1920,

Other Names High Street Precinct,

Hermes Number 44712

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This is an inter-war commercial precinct, which comprises a mix of single and double storey rendered brick shops and residences. The shops have intact stepped or curved parapets with brick and render detailing that is typical of the era. The shops are generally in good condition. The facades above the awnings are very intact, however, the ground front street elevations of some shops have been altered. Shops that retain original or early shopfronts include Nos.763-65 (which retain recessed entries and leadlight transoms above the shop windows), 783-7 (which includes original tiled surrounds to the shop windows), No.793 and some of the shops at Nos.684-672. Some of the balconies to the two storey shops have been enclosed.

Notable buildings, which are situated on opposite corners of the Edgar Street intersection, are:

- The former State Savings Bank of Victoria on the northeast corner built in a Free Classical style. It is two-storey, rendered brick, with a hipped terracotta tile roof, partially concealed by a parapet at one corner of the building. At

the ground floor of this bay is an entrance, in a projecting porch with a segmental pediment, which has a fanlight above its door. To the north of this entrance is a large window that has a projecting sill. On the first floor, above the entrance is a window with an unusual detail of a quadrant extending up from the jambs to form a segmental arch. The window to its north is a standard pair of double-hung sash windows.

- The house and former surgery on the southeast corner, which 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.

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