
Former Wesleyan Church



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



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Wilson Heritage Overlay Area

City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000 (map)

Location

249-251 High Street NORTHCOTE, Darebin City

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO97

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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The Wesleyan Church is of local historical significance. The church is one of the oldest public buildings in Northcote and continues to serve as a place of worship. The architectural significance of the building is reduced by the absence of the original spire and belfry.

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Physical Description 1

The Wesleyan Church is built in the style of an Early English Parish Church. Coursed basalt rubble is used in the walls with rendered dressings and white terracotta and the roof is slated in both a plain and a fish-scale pattern. The High Street elevation is subtly asymmetrical, with one of the two gabled porches located at the base of the slightly projecting tower. The raked cappings of the buttresses echo and reinforce only the northern porch, counterbalancing the visual weight of the asymmetrically located tower.

Decoration is confined to a quatrefoil piercing within the main gable oculus, which is repeated in the rendered porch gables. The pointed arched windows at the east end have diamond-pane leading.

Originally, an unusual timber spire and belfry was constructed on the tower-base that remains at the south-east corner. A picturesque effect was achieved by quatrefoil piercing and similarly profiled archways below, to each side of the octagonal belfry. The spire and belfry have been demolished, as has the scalloped picket fence to the street frontage. The church is otherwise externally intact with some mature Roman Cypress trees surviving in the grounds.

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