
285 High Street



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



Map Ref: 30 F8
Within Heritage Overlay Area
City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000 (map)

Location

285 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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Constructed just prior to the economic recession of the 1890s in Melbourne, No 285 High Street is a particularly exuberant and substantially intact example of Italianate boom style commercial architecture. The decorative rendered details and first floor arcaded loggia are distinctive features.

The buildings assertive character is a notable element in the local landscape, and terminates the vista down Mitchell Street.

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

285 High Street is an ornate, two-storey rendered and face brick shop and residence. At first floor level a large rendered arch supported on squat reeded and fluted piers with foliated capitals is flanked by narrower arched openings, all with rendered moulded archivolt. The principal cornice breaks forward at the centre, beneath which are two ornate scrolls on either side of the arch keystone and mask. Diaper patterning fills the space above the side arches. The facade is terminated by a balustraded parapet with panelled piers and a large stilted pediment flanked by scrolls and containing an eight pointed star. The original draped urns have been removed. The wall behind the arcaded loggia is of red brick, with a tripartite arrangement of double-hung sash arched windows. The original cast iron post verandah, now removed, was of an unusual design with multiple gables and ornate friezework. The original shopfronts have been altered.

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