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## SHOP & RESIDENCE



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



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NOT within Heritage Overlay Area.  
City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000 (map)

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### Location

703 High Street, THORNBURY VIC 3071

### Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO134

### Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The two storeyed shop and dwelling situated at no. 703 High Street, Thornbury, built in 1914 as a grocery store and dwelling by John Howie.

#### How is it significant?

The two storeyed shop and dwelling at 703 High Street, Thornbury is aesthetically significant to Darebin City.

### **Why is it significant?**

It is aesthetically significant (Criterion E) as a prominent commercial building of the Post Federation years demonstrating through its architectural style the nature of development sustained by High Street at that time and being locally unique for its prominent horseshoe arched balcony with corner splay imparting identity to the locale. The balcony archways demonstrate Art Noveaux influence in their exploitation of tendril forms whilst the horseshoe shapes have Islamic connotations these motifs being highly expressive of the architecture of the Edwardian period. Together with the nearby shops at 713 and 715 High Street, these buildings form a locally distinguished group of Art Noveaux influenced structures.

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### **Physical Description 1**

A prominent two storeyed shop with dwelling above situated at the Normanby Avenue corner in High Street. There is a parapet wall facing south and a plain aspect to Normanby Avenue containing the residential entry and a single storeyed rear wing, the roofs to both elements being hipped with corrugated "Colorbond" cladding. The Normanby Avenue elevation is in face brick, now overpainted.

There is a corner splay at both levels, the splay at street level being smaller than above. The upper level aspect over High Street and including the corner splay is formed by a balcony with stuccoed corner columns having Tuscan Order capitals and a fretted frieze in the Federation period manner consisting of a ladder frame with exotic horseshoe archways. The eaves are bracketed and there is a cantilevered verandah.

### **Integrity**

Condition: Sound. Integrity: Medium, original shop front replaced.

### **Historical Australian Themes**

Thematic Context

4. Building settlements, towns and cities (Thornbury).

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