
SHOPS & RESIDENCES



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



Map Ref: 30 F 5
NOT within Heritage Overlay Area.

Location

759-761 HIGH STREET, THORNBURY, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO138

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The pair of shops with dwellings above at 759 and 761 High Street, Thornbury, built by 1910 and in 1891 respectively by Thomas and Elizabeth White. The upper level facades and the early shopfront No.761 contribute to the significance of the place.

Other non-original alterations or additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The pair of shops with dwellings above at 759 and 761 High Street, Thornbury is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

No. 761 is historically significant (Criterion A) as the northernmost late Victorian period Boom Style shop in High Street, erected on the cable tramway route terminating at Dundas Street, a short distance to the north. No.759, whilst having been erected at a later date, is also an early surviving shop in the locale.

Both shops are aesthetically significant (Criterion E) as a prominent and richly decorated pair being highly representative of the architectural exuberance of the period. This importance is enhanced by the substantially intact condition of the ornamentation which extends to the vases on the parapets and the early shopfront to No.761.

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Physical Description 1

A pair of similar late Victorian Boom Style two storeyed shops with dwellings above. The street level shops have recent shops fronts and the posted verandahs have been replaced. The upper level facades are elaborately ornamented, the northern one at no. 761 especially so, having a complex parapet treatment with central curved pediment incorporating a shell end flanked by pilasters and volutes. The vases are intact and there is a bracketed cornice, further decoration consisting of swags and foliated panels. The round arched window architraves and sills are also ornamented. The facade at no. 759 is very similar but considerably more restrained, the shell end, swags, foliated ornamentation and architrave enrichment being absent.

Integrity

Condition: Sound. Integrity: Medium.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic Context

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

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