

---

## SHOPS



362 - 368 High Street,  
Preston



352 - 362 High Street,  
Preston

---

### Location

352-72 HIGH STREET, PRESTON, DAREBIN CITY

### Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO222

### Heritage Listing

Darebin City

---

### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 7, 2008

#### *What is significant?*

The group of shops at 352-72 High Street, Preston, constructed in two stages from 1927-29, are significant. The following elements contribute to the significance of the place. The surviving 1920s detailing to the upper facades of the two storey buildings and the parapets of the single storey buildings contributes to the significance of the place.

Later alterations and additions, including shopfronts and awnings are not significant.

*How is it significant?*

The group of shops at 352-72 High Street, Preston is of local historic significance to Darebin City.

*Why is it significant?*

Historically, the group of shops at 352-72 High Street is significant as evidence of the commercial development associated with the post First World War boom when the population of Preston trebled within a decade. It illustrates the significant development that led to Preston being proclaimed a city by 1926 and cemented the role of this part of High Street as the civic and commercial heart of Preston. (AHC criteria A.4, D.2, H.1)

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

Construction dates 1927,

Hermes Number 27308

Property Number

---

## Physical Description 1

This strip of two groups of inter-war shops is situated on the east side of High Street to the north of the Town Hall. The group at the northern end are five two-storey shops, each with a stepped parapet. The shops at 364, 366 and 368 High Street retain much of their original facade design on their upper levels, with 364 and 366 having original leadlight in the upper sashes of their windows. The shops at 370-372 High Street have been altered unsympathetically, with much of their original architectural embellishment removed or obliterated. The shop at 372 has been fitted with an unsympathetic Post Modern steel and glass awning, whilst all other shops in this group, except 370 High Street, have standard cantilevered awnings extending across their facades between their ground and first floors. All shops have had their original shopfronts removed and replaced with glazed steel frame shopfronts, except for 370 High Street, which has a shopfront that has been partially infilled, unsympathetically, with brick.

To the south of the group of two-storey shops in this strip, are a group of single-storey shops, with relatively high parapets concealing their roofs. The parapets are uniform with a pilaster at each end and a capping at their tops. There is a plain vertical motif at the centre of the top of each parapet. Cantilevered awnings extend across the shops above their shopfronts. The shopfronts are glazed and have a steel frame and are of recent origin.

The shops are opposite a group of altered two storey interwar shops that were once similar in design to Nos. 364-72, but now have been much altered.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*