
HOUSE (LA REEQUE OR LA ROCQUE)



82 Bruce Street

Location

82 BRUCE STREET,, PRESTON VIC 3072

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO206

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The late Victorian house, constructed c.1890, at 82 Bruce Street, Preston is significant. The form, original external detailing and materials and siting of the house contribute to its significance.

Later alterations and additions to the house, outbuildings, the cast iron and bluestone palisade fence and the driveway are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 82 Bruce Street, Preston is of local historic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the house is significant as tangible evidence of the small degree of suburban development achieved in the rural areas of Preston during the late 19th century land boom, but prior to the economic crash of the 1890s. This house is particularly significant as an illustration of the extent to which speculative subdivision occurred in areas that were remote from transport and services. (Criterion A)

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

Construction dates 1890,

Hermes Number 120718

Property Number

Historical Australian Themes

5. Building Suburban Darebin

5.1 Patterns of settlement

5.3 Developing the suburban ideal

Physical Description 1

The house at 82 Bruce Street is a late Victorian asymmetrical villa built in brick, now painted white, on a bluestone foundation, with a hipped slate roof. There is a projecting bay at the western side of its facade, which accommodates tall two-pane sash windows with stone cills on each of its three sides. The eastern part of the facade features a verandah, the roof of which is of corrugated metal painted in bands. This is supported by the wall of the projecting bay and three metal posts, between which is arranged a relatively heavy and intricate cast iron frieze. The verandah shelters the house's solid front door and a tripartite sash window of two-panes with sidelights. A series of deeply recessed two-pane sash windows with stone cills lines the driveway along the western side of the plot. The house has two tall chimneys of brickwork decorated with banding and dog-toothing. One of these features a crown chimney pot which may represent an addition.

The house is in good condition and, apart from some minor alterations as noted above, has a relatively high degree of external integrity. The street frontage of the plot is defined by a (non-original) cast iron and blue stone palisade fence. A concrete driveway running along the western side of the house is a later development and a pre-fabricated concrete outhouse stands at the rear of the plot, but this is largely screened from the street.

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.

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