
Northcote Theatre



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



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Victorian Heritage Overlay Area
City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000 (map)

Location

212-220 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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The Northcote Theatre is the oldest purpose-designed cinema in Northcote and Victoria, and is possibly the oldest surviving in the country. Designed by architect Edward Twentyman, it also contributes to the High Street commercial and civic streetscape character.

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Northcote Theatre was designed in a manner followed by many other cinemas such as the Pavilion in Brisbane (c1913), the Empress in Sydney (1913) and the Melbourne Majestic Theatre (1912) which was also an Amalgamated Pictures outlet.

The two storey facade is divided into 65 bays, separated by rusticated pilasters. The central bay has a large moulded arch, above which is a decorative pressed cement festoon, and surmounted by an arched dentilated cornice. The first floor windows at each end of the facade have segmented arched pediments. The name of the theatre is inscribed in raised letters within moulded frieze panels. The roof is concealed behind a pierced parapet. The original arched cast iron street verandah with scrolled wrought iron end infill has been replaced by a cantilevered awning, and the ground floor has been substantially altered.

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