
Wesleyan Chapel & School Room, former



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



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

Location

248-250 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 former Wesleyan Chapel and former schoolroom are of considerable local historical significance. During the first forty years following its construction in 1854, the building served various religious, municipal and social purposes. The original bluestone building was probably designed by prolific church architect T J Crouch. The later additions, by architects Edward Twentymen and James Birtwhistle reflect the growth of the suburb in the late nineteenth century.

Although the original fabric has been modified and completely obscured by later additions, the building itself is of historical importance being the site of Northcote's first formal place of worship, first common school, first Sunday school, first court of petty sessions and also served as the first meeting place of the Borough Council.

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Physical Description 1

The former Wesleyan Church exists in three stages: that of the coursed rubble of 1854 and 1855 and the Colonial bonded brickwork of 1889. Both the stone and brick sections have a simple, gabled form, with oculi centred within the gable ends. On the brick wing, a double header course forms the parapet. Inside, the building presently serves as auction rooms. Prior to 1908, this primitive classical building was set back behind a spade-head picket fence. The gable-parapet was rendered as were the quoined architraves to the two front windows. Between these windows was an arched doorway with a fanlight and, on the side walls, were five hopper-vented diamond-pane windows. Within the gable was an oculus with a trefoil-shaped piercing and the roof was of corrugated iron.

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