

Langwells Parade, Robbs Parade



City of Darebin Heritage
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24193 Langwells Parade Map

Location

Langwells Parade, and Robbs Parade NORTHCOTE, Darebin City

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO105

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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The cottages in Langwells and Robbs Parade are of local historical importance. The buildings are associated with Northcote's largest nineteenth century industry and the second largest brick production centre in the state. The terraces are also minor examples of the work of prolific Victorian architect Thomas Crouch, whose buildings in the municipality include all of the 19th brickwork structures and the Inebriate asylum (demolished). The cottages are amongst the few remaining row houses in the municipality, an unusual type in Northcote.

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Property Number

Physical Description 1

There are twelve single-storey cottages in Robbs and eight in Langwells Parade, which were originally identical. The typical cottage was of tuck-pointed face brickwork, in two colours, the creams being used as string courses at the head, mid and sill points of the window openings. The gable roofs are clad with corrugated iron. The party walls were typically capped with render, vermiculated on the vertical faces and occurred one for every pair, escaping the provisions of the Melbourne Town Building Act which required parapeted party walls separating every house. Similarly, the rendered and moulded chimneys were shared by each pair. Decoration was confined to acanthus leaf consoles to each verandah wing wall and cast-iron brackets at the verandah fascias.

The octagonal ogee guttering at the verandahs and main roofs have almost totally been replaced, most of the cast-iron removed, many of the four-panelled doors replaced, some verandahs replaced and a few of the acanthus consoles removed. With the exception of the houses in Robbs Parade, most of the brickwork has been over painted. Timber picket fences have been recreated on most of the houses in Langwells Parade.

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