

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH (FORMER)



City of Darebin Heritage
Review 2000



Map Ref: **30 F10**

Within Heritage Overlay Area.

City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000

Location

18 Mitchell Street NORTHCOTE, Darebin City

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO145

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Primitive Methodist Church constructed by 1889 and the former church hall, at 18 Mitchell Street, Northcote.

How is it significant?

The former Primitive Methodist Church and hall are of local architectural and historical significance to Darebin City

Why is it significant?

The church and hall are historically significant as evidence of the strength of the Primitive Methodist Church in the nineteenth century in Darebin. The later use of the church and hall by the Salvation Army illustrates the growth of the Army in the early twentieth century. (Criteria A & H)

The church is architecturally significant as one of a small number designed in the Roman temple form, Baptist and Wesleyan Churches being more likely among the faiths to be constructed in this style. This is the only classically designed church in Northcote and one of a few Roman style 19th century churches in the State. It has also served as a public building in the city for over 100 years. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Review, Andrew Ward, 2000;

Other Names Salvation Army Hall,

Hermes Number 24202

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The former Primitive Methodist Church is a rendered brick building designed in the Roman temple manner with a pedimented facade and Corinthian Order pilasters at the corners. Within the rendered tympanum is a trefoil recess. The arched openings flank what was originally an arched entrance, now infilled. The roof is clad in corrugated iron, and the side walls are of Colonial bonded brickwork.

This former church is one of a small number designed in the Roman temple form, Baptist and Wesleyan churches being more likely to be in this style (eg. Baptist Churches, Albert Street, East Melbourne and Collins Street,

Melbourne, and the Lutheran Church, Doveton Street South, Ballarat). Most are from an earlier date than the Mitchell Street church.

Alterations include the painting of the brickwork, the closing in of the entrance, the addition of an unsympathetically designed, cream brick entrance block to the east and the construction of a brick planter box in front of the old building.

A Edwardian-era weatherboard hall is situated at the rear of the church. It has a jerkin-head roof, recently re-clad, with slatted vents in the gables. There are multi-paned double-hung sash windows in the side elevations, and multi-paned windows with round heads in the end elevation. The hall is in good condition and has a relatively high degree of external integrity.

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