

Former Preston Salvation Army Barracks (Hall)



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Heritage Overlay Area.

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Location

61 David Street PRESTON, Darebin City

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO27

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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The former Preston Salvation Army Barracks is of local architectural and historical significance.

The distinctive castellated design of the front elevation has associational links with the Salvation Army. The earlier Salvation Army barracks at North Fitzroy (1884), for example, has a castellated porch. The front elevation of the Preston barracks possibly predates the much larger castellated Salvation Army training College built in East Melbourne in 1900.

The building is the earliest Salvation Army building in the Preston district. Its subsequent uses as a dance hall in the inter-war years and again for religious purposes as a Gospel Hall after World War II and more recently by the Jehovah's Witnesses is of interest and has social associations for many local residents over a long period.

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Physical Description 1

The former Preston Salvation Army Barracks comprises a gabled hall to the rear of two front rooms and an entrance hall, together with later wings to the rear. The building is constructed from red brick, tuck-pointed to the front, with painted cement dressings in the form of quoining and battlements on the front elevation. The castellated front elevation has a central tower rising above the parapets on each side, in front of which is a possibly later but matching castellated porch. The windows on each side of the tower have been replaced with multi-paned aluminium windows, possibly similar in form to the original windows.

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