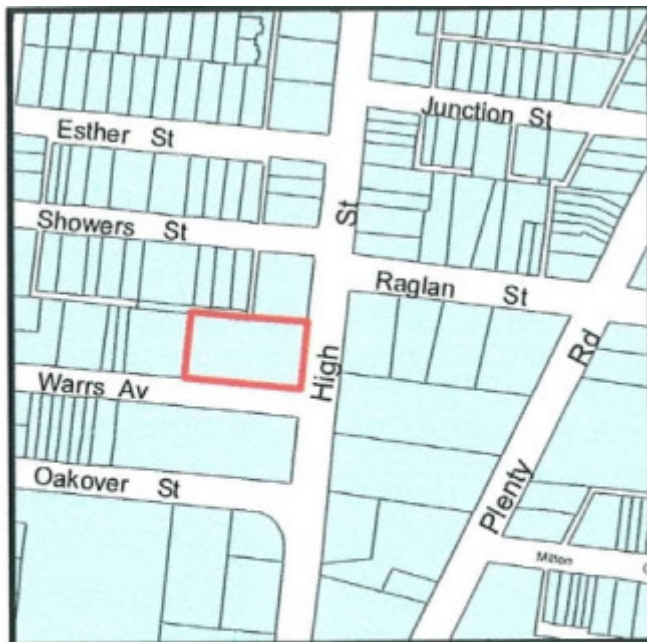


# HOWE LEATHER FACTORY (FORMER)



City of Darebin Heritage Review 2000



Map Ref: **30 E11**

NOT within Heritage Overlay Area.

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## Location

99-103 High Street PRESTON, Darebin City

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO128

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Howe Leather Factory at 99-103 High Street, Preston. Alterations and additions made as part of the conversion to apartments are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The former Howe Leather Factory is of local historical and architectural significance to Darebin City.

### Why is it significant?

The site has been used for leather tanning since at least the early 1880s, apart possibly from a period in the 1890s and early 1900s, and has been occupied by the Howe tanning company continuously since 1910. One of the industries associated with local farming activities in the nineteenth century, the Howe factory is among the last tanneries remaining in Preston (Criterion A). The substantially intact and distinctive elevations facing High Street and Warrs Avenue form a notable local landmark (Criterion E).

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## Physical Description 1

The Howe Leather Factory is a large two-storey red brick building, with rendered and pressed cement details with the two principal elevations designed in a stripped Classical style with recessed bays between rectangular brick piers. The ground floor piers are paired and articulated with horizontal rustication. Above the ground floor windows are dentillated, painted render lintels running between the piers, above which is a continuous wide render band, painted a contrasting cream colour, the top edge of which forms the first floor window sills. Above the first floor windows are plain render lintels and a simple cornice with bracketed projections above the piers. Above the cornice is a plain cream painted rendered parapet. The original double-hung sash windows have six-paned sashes and are tripartite to most bays. The original sashes have been replaced with single pane sashes at the southeast corner. Some bays have recessed brick panels in place of windows. A bricked-up bay on the east elevation forming a substation and an adjacent bricked-up former window opening are later alterations. Further alterations and additions have been made as a result of the conversion of the building to apartments.

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