
COLLINS CORNER



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Location

774 HIGH STREET, THORNBURY, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO309

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Collins Corner, a c.1950 Moderne commercial building on the northeast corner of High Street and Collins Street, is significant. It retains many notable original elements including its early shopfront detailing, distinctive curved hood above the first floor metal-framed windows, the curved cantilevered awning with the name of the building in raised letters, and steel frame windows with horizontal bands set in a liver brick band.

The single storey wing to the rear and non-original alterations and/or additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

Collins Corner at 774 High Street, Thornbury is of local architectural significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

It is architecturally significant as a good example of mid-twentieth century Modernist commercial architecture in Darebin, which retains many distinct original elements including its distinctive curved hood above the first floor windows, the curved cantilevered awning, and steel frame windows set in a liver brick band. (AHC criterion D.2)

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1950,

Hermes Number 26728

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Collins Corner comprises a two-storey Moderne brick commercial/retail building on the northeast corner of Collins and High Streets, Thornbury and a rendered single-storey industrial wing extending along the Collins Street frontage. On the building's ground floor facing High Street it has elements of the original shopfronts including the entry doors and a what appears to be the original curved cantilevered awning with a very thin profile. The upper level has metal frame windows with horizontal banding set in a liver brick band that extends across the upper level of both facades. A hood projects above these upper level windows and there is signage that reads *Collins Corner*. The parapet of the building is relatively plain except for a liver brick capping. The single storey section of the building appears to have been painted or rendered. It has large square metal-framed windows and a recessed doorway. There is a stepped parapet in the east end elevation with early painted signage 'Radiator Repairers'.

The building is in good condition and the front two storey section has a relatively high degree of external integrity. The rear single storey section has a moderate level of integrity.

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