
SHOPS & RESIDENCES



107 - 109 High Street,
Preston

Location

107-09 HIGH STREET, PRESTON, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO217

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The pair of shops and residences at 107-109 High Street, Preston erected c.1912, is significant. The shops are designed in a restrained Classical Revival style, a form of architectural expression that had become uncommon on commercial buildings in metropolitan Melbourne by this time. Classical detailing on these shops is limited to the upper level's arched double-hung sash windows and Classically-inspired cornices and other mouldings. The upper level has face brickwork and the brick parapet is high and has no ornamentation.

The parapet (which may not be original) and the altered ground floor shopfronts are not significant.

How is it significant?

This pair of shops and residences at 107-109 High Street, Preston is of local historic and architectural significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it provides evidence of the urban development of the South Preston by the early twentieth century. While much of the early residential development that once surrounded this centre and provided its customer base has now been lost, the shops remain as a tangible reminder of the early period of development in South Preston. They are a representative example of the scale of shops of small retailers, with dwellings above them, which were built in the early twentieth century in Darebin and recall the small centres that developed within walking distance of residential areas. (AHC criteria A.4, D.2)

It is architecturally significant as a good representative example of the continued use of the Classical Revival-style for commercial buildings into the twentieth century, in a composition more commonly found on Victorian buildings (AHC criterion D.2).

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Hermes Number 27284

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The buildings at 107 and 109 High Street, Preston are a pair of early twentieth century two-storey brick shops. The shops are designed in a restrained Classical Revival style, a form of architectural expression that had become uncommon on commercial buildings in metropolitan Melbourne by this time. Classical detailing on these shops is limited to the upper level's arched double-hung sash windows and Classically-inspired cornices and other mouldings. The upper level has face brickwork and the brick parapet is high and has no ornamentation. The ground floor facades of the shops have been altered unsympathetically and now have aluminium or steel frame shopfronts.

The shop at 105 High Street is part of this group, but has had its facade altered unsympathetically on both its upper and lower floors.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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