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## Rossmoyne Street Precinct



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### Location

43-67 and 50-78 ROSSMOYNE STREET, THORNBURY, DAREBIN CITY

### Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO311

### Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### *What is significant?*

This Rossmoyne Street Precinct, which comprises 43-67 & 50-78 Rossmoyne Street, Thornbury. The following elements contribute to the significance of the precinct:

- The Victorian and Federation/Edwardian houses including double-fronted brick and weatherboard villas, and single-fronted cottages.

- The former corner shop and residence at No.78.
- The consistency of form, siting, materials and detailing of the contributory houses.
- The extent to which development in two main periods during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth centuries is apparent.

Non-original alterations and additions to Victorian and Edwardian dwellings and houses at 62 & 62A are not significant.

*How is it significant?*

The Rossmoyne Street Precinct in Thornbury is of local historic and architectural significance to Darebin City.

*Why is it significant?*

Historically, the Rossmoyne Street Precinct in Thornbury is significant as evidence of important phases of suburban development in Thornbury during the late nineteenth century land boom, and the early twentieth century recovery following the economic crash of the 1890s. The housing in the street is characteristic of medium scale suburban housing of both the Victorian and Edwardian periods and the former corner shop provides evidence of the local services that emerged to serve the growing population. (AHC criteria A.4 & D.2)

The Rossmoyne Street Precinct in Thornbury has architectural significance, for the consistent quality of its built form and relatively high degree of intactness from the original periods of development. (AHC criteria E.1 & D.2)

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

Construction dates 1888,

Hermes Number 27349

Property Number

## Physical Description 1

The Rossmoyne Street precinct in Thornbury comprises the properties at 43-67 and 50-78 Rossmoyne Street. It is a residential area comprising housing dating from the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries, and one former corner shop and residence. Broadly speaking there are two main types of houses; single fronted cottages and double fronted houses from the late Victorian, Federation and Edwardian eras.

The Victorian cottages include the two terraces, each of four houses, at Nos. 43-49 and 51-57 (Referred to in the History as 'Devonshire Terrace') that are modest in scale and character, but form a cohesive and prominent element in the street. The houses are in good condition and the main visible alteration is the removal of chimneys from all but two (43, 45) of the houses and the overpainting of the bi-chromatic brickwork. Otherwise the houses are relatively intact and have typical detailing and features including tri-partite windows and panelled front doors with toplights, simple skillion verandahs, eaves brackets, and decorative masks and consoles to the wing wall ends. On the south side there is another similarly-detailed Victorian pair at 68-70, which are somewhat more intact, although No.68 has also had its chimney removed. These however, however, retain, their original unpainted bi-chromatic brickwork and feature recessed alcoves built into the front wall on either side of the double hung sash windows. The other single detached example at No.63 is similar in form and detailing.

The Edwardian single fronted block (ashlar) fronted weatherboard cottages at 64 and 66 are almost identical, but mirror reversed designs, which have traverse hip roofs with a projecting gable. The typical detailing includes paired double-hung sash windows with skillion hoodsto the main elevations, timber fretwork to the small corner verandahs, roughcast render and shingling to the gable end and corbelled brick chimneys. Both are in good condition and No.66 is relatively intact, while No.64 has a visible double-storey extension and has lost its front chimney.

The double fronted houses include late Victorian, Federation and Edwardian examples. Most of the late Victorian and Federation examples (Nos. 61, 65 & 72) are similar in form with symmetrical facades and M-hip roofs. No.72 has bi-chromatic brickwork and a cast-iron frieze to the verandah, which is set within projecting side wing walls. No.65 also has bi-chromatic brickwork with a cast iron verandah and eaves brackets. However, the front windows have been replaced. The former 'Daisieville' at No.61 is a block (ashlar) fronted weatherboard example with tripartite windows and a central door with highlights and sidelights. While the verandah has been altered in profile, it retains original detailing with features paired posts at the corners and a cast-iron frieze. There are two rendered brick chimneys. The other late nineteenth century house is the asymmetrical weatherboard house at No.67, which has a hip roof and a projecting gable. While recent renovations have reduced its integrity it retains characteristic form and some detailing.

The Edwardian double-fronted houses (50, 52, 54, 74, 76) are all weatherboard and all asymmetrical in plan with a hip roof and projecting gable and a separate verandah. The detailing is similar to the single fronted houses already described. The houses at 74 and 76 appear to have been originally identical and were likely constructed by the same builder. They are triple side-hung casement windows with coloured toplights and half-timbering with roughcast render to the top the gable end, and corbelled brick chimneys.

The former corner shop has a hip roof and a skillion return verandah over the footpath. While it has been altered in detail, it retains the traditional form and characteristics.

As noted above, most of the the houses in the precinct retain a relatively high degree of external integrity when viewed from Rossmoyne Street. Where two-storey additions have been made (e.g., 64, 72) they are setback behind the main roofline and do not have a significant visual impact. Overall the precinct has a high degree of integrity to the original phases of development with only two non-contributory houses at 62 and 62A. As these are setback slightly further, they do not have a strong presence in the precinct.

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