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Location

6-12 & 5-11 MILTON CRESCENT, PRESTON, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO304

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Milton Crescent Precinct comprises the houses at 6-12 & 5-11 Milton Crescent, Preston, which were all built by 1891. On the north side are two pairs of small attached single-fronted weatherboard cottages. Nos. 5 and 7 have been defaced in the post-war era, while Nos. 9 and 11 are more intact and retain verandahs extending across their street-facing elevations. They share a single central chimney and appear to have no dividing wall in the roof. On the south side of the street at Nos. 6-12 is a group of four Victorian single-fronted single-storey brick Victorian terraces with typical detailing. The houses have transverse gable roofs and some retain rendered brick

chimneys. The consistent modest scale and form of the housing and extent to which development in one short period is apparent is an important characteristic of this precinct.

Non-original alterations and additions to the contributory houses are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Milton Crescent Precinct in Preston is of local historic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the Milton Crescent Precinct is significant as evidence of the limited residential development in South Preston during the late nineteenth century that provided housing for nearby industry. The housing is characteristic of modest workers cottages erected during the Victorian era. (AHC criteria A.4 & D.2)

The houses at Nos. 9 and 11 are architecturally significant as very intact examples of small timber cottages with rare detailing such as the lack of visible shared boundary walls between the houses. (AHC criterion D.2)

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

Construction dates 1891,

Hermes Number 27375

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This small residential precinct comprises a group of small brick and weatherboard workers cottages in the section of Milton Crescent off Plenty Road.

On the north side of the street, two of the three pairs of cottages shown on the 1909 MMBW Detail plan survive today. What is now Nos. 5 and 7 (then 10 and 12) have been defaced in the post-war era, while the pair at the eastern end (No. 13, formerly nos. 2 & 4) has been demolished. The central pair of cottages (Nos. 9 and 11, formerly 6 and 8) remain intact and are single-fronted Victorian weatherboard cottages, with verandahs extending across their street-facing elevations. The houses are modest in scale and character and are typical of workers' housing in Melbourne built at the end of the nineteenth century. They share a single central chimney and appear to have no dividing wall in the roof.

On the south side of the street at Nos.6-12 is a single-storey terrace row of Victorian single-fronted cottages - these are the houses identified on the 1909 plan as *Coll*, *Jura*, *Uist* and *Tiree*. The houses have similar detailing, but varied levels of external integrity. The projecting wing walls feature consoles. The houses have traverse gable roofs, with some have their roofing material replaced with unsympathetic cement tiles. Verandahs that extend across the front elevations have also been altered. Some retain rendered brick chimneys. The houses are set back from the street behind shallow gardens.

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