
BRICKWORKS' TERRACE



Brickworks' Houses, Raglan Street, Preston

Location

227-45 and 259-63 RAGLAN STREET, PRESTON, DAREBIN CITY

Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO245

Heritage Listing

Darebin City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Gottlieb Arndt had set up Darebin's first brickworks, with two clay pits in this vicinity in the 1850s. In 1888 the South Preston Patent Brick and Tile Company was formed to take over one of Arndt's claypits, which was situated on the south side of Raglan Street. The sites of these houses were acquired by the South Preston Patent Brick and Tile Company in 1889. These houses were no doubt built for the employees of the South Preston Brick and Tile Co at the same time the brickworks opened in about 1890. Sands & McDougall Directory for 1891 first notes the South Preston Brick and Tile Co in the south side of Raglan Street, flanked by the residences. One of

the houses in the block on the east side and nearest the kiln, which was shown as No.4 Raglan Street when numbering commences in 1908, was occupied by Charles Wall, caretaker of the brickworks. Wall was still in residence there in 1910.

The houses to the extent of the c.1890 fabric, at 227-45 and 259-63 Raglan Street are significant. This comprises two rows of single storey Victorian era rendered brick terrace houses, which have been painted. Nos. 227-45 comprises ten houses with varying degrees of external integrity. Nos. 259-63 comprise three houses, separated by rendered party walls. They have single double hung sash windows with moulded surrounds and stone lintels and front doors with highlights. The brick and rendered chimneys have moulded caps. The facades have cornices and the centre example has brackets under the cornice. The parapet detailing has been removed.

Later additions and/or alterations, including the front fences, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The houses at 227-45 and 259-63 Raglan Street, Preston are of local historic significance to Darebin City.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the houses at 227-45 and 259-63 Raglan Street are significant as representative examples of worker's housing that provide evidence of the important influence of the brickworks industry upon the development of Preston in the late nineteenth century. They are significant for their associations with the South Preston Brick and Tile Company, an important early industry in Darebin. The significance of the place is enhanced by its rarity value as perhaps the only surviving buildings directly associated with the Company and the nineteenth century brickmaking industry in Preston. (AHC criteria A.4, B.2, D.2, H.1)

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

Construction dates 1890,

Other Names Brickworks' Houses,

Hermes Number 44227

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This comprises two rows of single storey Victorian era rendered brick terrace houses on the south side of Raglan Street, east and west of Milton Crescent. Nos. 227-45, east of Milton Crescent, comprise of ten houses, separated by party walls. This group of houses have varying degrees of external integrity. They are single-fronted with a single timber-frame double-hung sash window beside a front door. Pressed cement balusters have mostly all been removed from the parapet, which has made the house's transverse gable roofs visible from the street. Many have had their brickwork painted, however some retain bi-chromatic brickwork. Others have had their original doors and other elements removed and replaced with unsympathetic fabric. Some houses have chimneys, which have cement rendered Classically-inspired mouldings at their tops. The fences, of various materials, are not original.

Nos. 259-63, are to the west of Milton Crescent, and comprise of three houses, separated by rendered brick party walls. They are similar in scale to the houses to the east of Milton Crescent, but have more architectural embellishment including mouldings above and around windows. Some of the balustrading has been removed from parapets. No 259 has been rendered and the remainder have had their brickwork painted. The house at centre in this group has an elaborate pediment incorporated into its parapet. Chimneys have cement rendered Classically-inspired mouldings at their tops. The low brick fences are not original.

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