

331-333 Heidelberg Road, Northcote (Former Residence) Statement of Significance, September 2021

Heritage Place:	331 Heidelberg Road, Northcote	PS ref no:	HO319
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What is significant?

331-333 Heidelberg Road, Northcote, a single storey brick residence constructed in 1912 for Samuel Trevena, is significant.

Significant fabric includes the:

- original form, slate roof, turret tower and projecting bay window
- face brick cladding, roughcast gridded panels, pattern of fenestration and timber window and door joinery
- terracotta ridge cresting, gargoyles, finials, chimneys; and
- deep set back from the street

How is it significant?

331-333 Heidelberg Road, Northcote, is of local historic, representative, and aesthetic significance to the City of Darebin.

Why is it significant?

331-333 Heidelberg Road, Northcote is of historical significance as a physical representation of the development of the Darebin area and its growing prestige in the twentieth century. The building's substantial setback from the street and fine architectural detailing reflect the status of the building's original owner, the former Mayor of Collingwood Samuel Treven. The construction of this elaborate villa signals the growing prestige of the area. The building reflects the recovery in development in Darebin following the economic crash of the 1890s and before the start of World War One. (Criterion A)

331-333 Heidelberg Road, Northcote, is of representative significance, for its retention of elements characteristic of Federation era designs. This includes its varied building and roof forms, red face brick surfaces, its pattern of fenestration and window and door joinery, and decorative roof ornamentation. The subject building is a sound representative example of a substantial Federation era villa, a typology that is relatively underrepresented in the City of Darebin Heritage Overlay (Criterion D)

331-333 Heidelberg Road, Northcote, is also aesthetically significant as a fine, early example of the Queen Anne style. Its dramatic, varied roof composition with contrasting slate and terracotta materials, decorative ornamentation and sweeping bellcast verandah, demonstrate the picturesque aesthetic. The low tower and projecting bay window add romantic detail and distinguish the building's design as a particularly elaborate example within the City of Darebin. The retention of the original windows and deep setback further enhance the building's aesthetic quality. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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