

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Wilkins House / Claredon Hotel (Former)



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Location

231 Nelson Place WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO227

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Wilkins residence also known as the former Clarendon Hotel, originally constructed c.1855 with later

alteration and additions, at 231 Nelson Place, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The former Wilkins residence also known as the former Clarendon Hotel at 231 Nelson Place, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it was owned and occupied by Williamstown's important medical practitioners and briefly by its first and most historically important owner, Dr. Wilkins and for a brief period one of the early hotels of the town run by the renowned Liardet family. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is an early unusual and generally original building, of a common form but with an uncommon verandah structure and detailing, also it is built from a material (stone) rarely used in the metropolis for housing. It contributes to an important 19th century commercial streetscape. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)Note: Included on the Victorian Heritage Register as VHR H231.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006; |
| Architect/Designer | Laing, Charles, |
| Hermes Number | 22207 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

A two-storey, parapeted stucco-fronted house with bagged or painted side walls of stone rubble and an unusual two-level verandah with an ogee profile, sheet-zinc roof and Byzantine flavoured, tapered and turned (what appear to be) timber columns. A Jacobean-like strapwork pattern iron balustrade is used at both levels whilst the lower verandah consists of (painted) dressed basalt piers. Distinctive architraves surround the openings.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

The openings appear generally to have been altered; the facade itself possibly being a refacing late last century. (Further inspection required).

Physical Description 2

Context

The house contributes to the Nelson Place heritage precinct.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs, Developing local, regional and national economies, Lodging people

Physical Description 3

Associations

Dr John Wilkins

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