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## RESIDENCE



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1 residence nelson place  
williamstown front view with  
painted cream facade

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### Location

231 NELSON PLACE WILLIAMSTOWN, HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0231

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO227

### VHR Registration

October 9, 1974

### Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 31, 1999

Former Port Health Officer's residence, 231 Nelson Place, Williamstown, is a particularly early surviving substantial building in Williamstown and in Victoria. The former residence and surgery has important historical associations with the historic former port of Williamstown and is an important part of the streetscape and townscape of the city. Architecturally the building is a distinctive and important example of a classical Revival town residence. The verandah piers, iron work and the upper verandah are unusual.

[Source: Register of the National Estate]

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### Specific Exemptions:

General Conditions: 1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object. General Conditions: 2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible. Note: All archaeological places have the potential to contain significant sub-surface artefacts and other remains. In most cases it will be necessary to obtain approval from the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria before the undertaking any works that have a significant sub-surface component.

General Conditions: 3. If there is a conservation policy and plan all works shall be in accordance with it. Note: A Conservation Management Plan or a Heritage Action Plan provides guidance for the management of the heritage values associated with the site. It may not be necessary to obtain a heritage permit for certain works specified in the management plan.

General Conditions: 4. Nothing in this determination prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions. General Conditions: 5. Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their

agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authorities where applicable. Minor Works : Note: Any Minor Works that in the opinion of the Executive Director will not adversely affect the heritage significance of the place may be exempt from the permit requirements of the Heritage Act. A person proposing to undertake minor works must submit a proposal to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied that the proposed works will not adversely affect the heritage values of the site, the applicant may be exempted from the requirement to obtain a heritage permit. If an applicant is uncertain whether a heritage permit is required, it is recommended that the permits co-ordinator be contacted.

Construction dates        1850,  
Heritage Act Categories   Registered place,  
Hermes Number            1227  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People: Assoc.People JOHN PRICE

Former Port Health Officer's residence, 231 Nelson Place, Williamstown, is a two storey stone building erected for John Wilkins, the Health Officer, c 1850-52 as his residence and surgery. The stuccoed main facade is symmetrical and has a double storey verandah, comprised of smooth rusticated piers with carved wooden columns and brackets (later?) there is an elaborate wrought iron balustrade (later?) and the parapet, cornice and flat roof.

Register of the National Estate citation. (Online data Upgrade Project October 2003)

## Plaque Citation

This unusual Regency style house was built c1850-2 for Dr John Wilkins as his home and surgery. John Price, the Inspector General of Victorian prisons died here in 1857 following an attack by convicts from the hulks.

## Extent of Registration

*City of Williamstown*. No. 231. Building, 231 Nelson Place, Williamstown.  
[*Victoria Government Gazette* No 100 Wednesday, October 9 1974 p.3649]

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*