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## Rear 7 Albert Street



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WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons  
Bay Heritage Study 2006

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### Location

Rear 7 Albert Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO38

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Washingtonia Palm and the Cotton Palm, established c.1910, at the rear of 7 Albert Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Washingtonia Palm and the Cotton Palm at 7 Albert Street, Williamstown are of local historic, aesthetic and scientific (horticultural) significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, they are significant as an illustration of Edwardian-era planting in a Williamstown suburban garden. (AHC criterion D2)

Aesthetically, they are significant for their landmark qualities, which enhance the setting of the associated house and contribute to the historic cultural landscape character of the Private Survey precinct. (AHC criterion E1)

Scientifically, they are significant as locally rare mature examples of this species in a private garden setting. (AHC criterion B2)

Heritage Study/Consultant Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

Other Names Washingtonia Palm & Cotton Palm,

Hermes Number 14965

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A Washington palm (*Washingtonia filifera*) and a Cotton Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*), which are situated in the rear yard of a house at 7 Albert Street, Williamstown. They have good form and grouping and enjoy landmark status because of their height. Similar palm specimens can also be seen at the Williamstown Botanic Gardens and on a private property at 8 Florence Street, Williamstown (q.v.). Botanica (1997) provides the following descriptions:

*Washingtonia filifera* (Washington palm)

*From southern California and Arizona, this palm develops a fat trunk and grows 40-50 ft (12-15 m) tall. The grayish green leaves form a broad, spherical crown about 15 ft (4.5 m) across. The common name of cotton palm derives from the white, cotton like threads on and between the leaf segments. Its small hard black berries ripen in winter.*

*Washingtonia robusta* (Cotton palm)

*This species, taller and more slender than Washingtonia filifera and with a more tapering trunk, occurs naturally in north-western Mexico. It grows to 80 ft (24 m) and its crown is 10 ft (3 m) across. The shiny, bright green leaves, almost circular, are less deeply segmented than those of 'W. filifera'. The fruit are tiny dark brown berries.*

Condition

Good.

## Physical Description 2

Context

The trees are isolated within their immediate context.

## Historical Australian Themes

## Making Suburbs

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