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Location

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Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO56

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed c.1853, at 55 Cecil Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as one of a small number of surviving pre-1860 residences in Williamstown and demonstrates the early development in the first two decades after settlement. It is also important for its strong associations with prominent early shopkeepers and Municipal representatives in the town. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a near original and now rare example of an early timber Victorian cottage, which possesses valuable early details such as the verandah valence. It contributes to the historic nineteenth century residential character of Cecil Street. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Hermes Number 14985

Property Number

Physical Description 1

A double fronted weatherboarded hipped and iron clad roof Victorian house with a timber post verandah and gently raiused timber valence.

The verandah posts possibly had capitals and the present three panel door appears to be a replacement. The timber picket fence though sympathetic, is not original.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good

Physical Description 2

Context

The dwelling contributes to the nineteenth century residential character of Cecil Street, which also includes houses at 29-45 Cecil Street, and the adjoining 53 Cecil Street (q.v.).

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

John Watson, James Moxham, Thomas Mason and Benjamin Culley

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