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## 'Morgan's Houses'



135-137 Cecil Street,  
Hobsons Bay Heritage Study  
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### Location

135-137 Cecil Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO62

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The attached basalt houses, constructed in 1875, at 135-137 Cecil Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The attached basalt houses at 135-137 Cecil Street Williamstown are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobson's Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as an example of an investment building built for a prominent Williamstown businessman and local councillor, John Morgan. It demonstrates the speculative development that was associated with the prosperity of Williamstown the port during the mid to late nineteenth century. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a near original duplex with the rare and unusual combination of two frontage widths and an undivided roof (more common in Williamstown) which nevertheless appears, with its verandahed facade as a balanced design albeit and is constructed from a relatively uncommon material (basalt). It contributes to the historic character of Cecil Street. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Other Names Morgan's Houses,

Hermes Number 14991

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A double fronted and single fronted basalt hipped roof (slated) and verandahed Victorian duplex. The verandah roof has a convex profile in corrugated iron, the cast iron friezes are panelled and the posts of timber. Stuccoed chimney cornices and shafts provide the balance of the ornament.

Changes to the original fabric include the sympathetic replacement of the front fences.

## Integrity

External Integrity

*Integrity - High. Condition - Good.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

An important early element in the historic Cecil Street precinct, sharing form, setback and ornament.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

John Morgan

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