
Williamstown Dressing Pavilion (Former)



Williamstown Dressing Pavilion (former), Hobsons Bay Heritage Study 2006

Location

Esplanade WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0927

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO106

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Williamstown Dressing pavilion, designed by Bridge & Bogle and constructed in 1936, at the Esplanade, Williamstown Beach.

How is it Significant?

The former Williamstown Dressing pavilion is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay. It is also of architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it Significant?

Historically and socially, it demonstrates the continuing role of Williamstown as a regionally important recreational destination during the Interwar period. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Aesthetically, it is a rare, well designed and dynamic example of an Interwar pavilion in the European Modernist style. A local landmark, it makes a significant contribution to the historic Interwar character of the Esplanade foreshore area. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

Note: Included on the Victorian Heritage Register as VHR H927.

Heritage Victoria describes the significance of the pavilion as follows:

The Williamstown Dressing Pavilion, constructed in 1936, is architecturally significant at the State level as an extraordinarily strong dynamic and early example of European modernism applied to the design of a pavilion by then relatively unknown architects Arnold Bridge and Alan Bogle. The design wields influences emerging as a new design ethic from Europe brought back to Melbourne by young architects who translated steel, concrete and glass into a new building style. The Williamstown Dressing pavilion is an overtly Modernist building with a design lineage reaching back to the Stijl Movement based in Holland. The Williamstown Dressing Pavilion is architecturally significant as a structure which brought a large number of people in contact with architectural modernism.

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Hermes Number 15037

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Williamstown Dressing pavilion is an asymmetrical building constructed of concrete in the European modernist style.

Integrity

Integrity + condition

Integrity - Moderate to High. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 5

Context

The former Williamstown Dressing pavilion is one of a number of interwar structures along the foreshore reserve including the adjacent rotunda, dressing shed, Tennis Club pavilion, and the Lifesaving and Swimming

Clubhouse that although stylistically different are related in terms of their original recreational function.

Historical Australian Themes

Developing Cultural Institutions and Ways of Life

Physical Description 3

Associations

City of Williamstown, Bridge & Bogle

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