
W Goetz & Sons Ltd Complex (Former)



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Location

136-140 Hall Street SPOTSWOOD, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO139

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The W Goetz & Sons Ltd complex (former) comprising the offices, factory and caretakers residence, constructed by JG Shillitow in 1939, at 136-140 Hall Street, Spotswood.

How is it Significant?

The W Goetz & Sons Ltd complex is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as an intact industrial complex, which demonstrates the scale of development that occurred in Newport and Spotswood during the Interwar period when it became one of the most important and largest industrial centres in Melbourne. (AHC criterion A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a superior and intact example of a Moderne factory building, which is one of the few examples in the municipality. (AHC criteria B2 and E1)

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

Hermes Number 15072

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Located at the corner of Hall and Burleigh Streets, this complex includes:

- A cream and manganese parapeted brick office block, at the Burleigh Street corner, and a corrugated iron clad, timber-framed factory block at the rear. The lower office walls are in the manganese brown coloured brick, the cream brick upper walls have dog toothed corbels to the parapet, and there is a concrete string course or lintel above the window line. The office entry is highlighted by a series of vertical elements with a tripartite motif in the parapet, typical of the Moderne style. The large saw-tooth roof factory behind has steel framed multi-paned window glazing similar to those in the office block. An early panel identification sign is above the office block parapet. There is no original plant inside.

- The former caretakers residence is an interwar timber Californian Bungalow, which adjoins the complex at the north-west corner of the site.

The use of the Moderne/Modern styling in industrial architecture can also be seen along Geelong Road, with another example in Ballarat Road, highlighting the industrial growth inspired by overseas supply shortages due to the approaching war.

Integrity

External Condition

Generally good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

External Integrity

Externally intact with minimal intrusions, except for new roller shutter doors. There are currently proposed changes to the complex.

Physical Description 2

Context

Contributory to the Spotswood Industrial Precinct on flat land facing railway.

Historical Australian Themes

Manufacturing and processing

Physical Description 3

Associations

WG Goetz and Sons Ltd

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