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## Houses - 'Emoh Ruo'



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### Location

1-3 Hope Street SPOTSWOOD, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO151

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The houses, 'Emoh Ruo' constructed in 1891, at 1-3 Hope Street, Spotswood.

How is it Significant?

The houses, Emoh Ruo' at 1-3 Hope Street, Spotswood are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, they are significant as some of the earliest surviving houses in Spotswood, which illustrate the first wave of speculative development inspired by the proximity of the railway station that did not spread beyond the immediate area. (AHC criterion A4)

Aesthetically, they are significant as locally rare examples of Victorian masonry row houses, which retain typical detail such as cast-iron, cement and brickwork ornamentation. They form part of a related group of similar houses that contribute to the historic character of the Spotswood residential precinct. (AHC criteria B2 and E1)

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

Other Names Emoh Ruo,

Hermes Number 15083

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

These two brick detached 'row' houses were once identical, with their common parapeted form and convex verandah roof. However 3 now has an Edwardian-era verandah in the place of what exists at 1, being a Victorian-era timber and cast-iron verandah with paired posts. The guilloche pattern and arched parapet entablature are common to both as was the coloured brickwork of the front elevation (see 5-7). The existing timber fences are related to the construction date of the houses.

The brickwork to both house has been painted, and the verandah detail to No. 1 is gone.

They are paired with the altered 5-7 Hope Street to provide a distinctive streetscape in this area, near the Spotswood Railway Station which no doubt inspired their construction. The four houses have a contribution to a small streetscape in this part of Hope Street which is enhanced by the notable railway station building nearby.

## Integrity

External Condition

Good

External Integrity

Moderate

## Physical Description 2

Context:

Contributory part of Spotswood Residential Precinct, being close to the railway station and distinctively early elements in the surrounding residential area.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

### Physical Description 3

#### *Associations*

Martin Charles, Joshua and Beatrice Williams, Fred (engine driver) and Lily Bishop.

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