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# Laverton RAAF Airbase

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## Location

Hardman Parade LAVERTON, HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

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## Veterans Description for Public

The Laverton Air Base was the second base established in the Werribee Shire during the pre-World War II period. The first, at Point Cook, was the only base in Australia prior to 1925 when RAAF expansion brought Laverton, then Richmond (NSW) bases into being. The most significant buildings are:

- Single Airmen's Accommodation (Blgs. 13, 14, 15) - 1935 red brick buildings, designed in the Jazz Moderne style.
- Instruction Hall (Blg. 30) - a 1925 weatherboard building, one of the early examples at Laverton.
- Aircraft Hangars (Blgs. 33, 34, 35) - brick hangar buildings, 33 and 34 and the alterations to 35 were designed by W G Bamford and E C Jackson in 1934-35, in the build-up to World War II.
- Single Airmen's Accommodation (Blg. 100) - a sophisticated example of Moderne architecture, dating from 1938, and thought to have been designed by B. Anderson.

- Officers' Mess (Blg. 110) - another substantial brick building designed in 1938 by D. B. Windebank in the Moderne style.

The following buildings are regarded as of contributory significance:

- Administration Block for No. 1 Aircraft Depot (Blg. 8) - a 1937 building, single-storey brick with Art Deco detailing.

- Base headquarters (Blg. 9) - a 1926 single storey brick building, a good but modest example of the Moderne style. One of the earliest structures at the Laverton base, it changed use from guardhouse and fire engine station to Base headquarters in the late 1930s.

- Former Airmen's Mess and Recreation Hall (Blg. 12) - a 1925 weatherboard building, now one of the few Inter-War weatherboard buildings remaining on the site.

- Cinema (Blg. 21) - a 1930s weatherboard building, originally built as a gymnasium. One of the few remaining Inter-War weatherboard buildings.

RAAF Williams is set within a simple landscape setting, primarily cypress windbreaks. There are some garden plantings including the apple tree at the centre of Burnett Circle and some specimens in the Officer Commanding's Garden.

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