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## Location

49 Victoria Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO309

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Wild Kaffir Plum, established c.1920-30, at 49 Victoria Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Wild Kaffir Plum at 49 Victoria Street, Williamstown is of local aesthetic and scientific (horticultural) significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Aesthetically, it contributes to the related landscape setting of the Interwar house and precinct. (AHC criterion E1)

Scientifically, it is horticulturally significant as a rare example of this species in a regional (and possibly statewide) context. (AHC criterion B2)

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

Construction dates 1920,

Hermes Number 22290

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This unusual tree of 10-11m height is located in the front garden of an inter-war house and may date from that period. It is the only known example within Hobsons Bay and is thought to be rare within the metropolitan context in private gardens. Another similar example is listed on the National Trust Significant Trees Register within Glen Eira City Council (*Harpephyllum caffrum* Bernh. ex C.F.Krauss) at the north-west corner of Caulfield Town Hall, Glen Eira Road, near Hawthorn Road intersection.

Botanica (1997) provides the following description:

*This dense, broadly domed tree grows to 40 ft (12 m) tall and about as wide, with an erect, short trunk. Its deep green, compound leaves resemble those of an ash (Fraxinus), and inconspicuous whitish green blossoms appear near the branch tips. On fertilized female plants the blossoms are followed by small, oval fruit the size of a small plum that ripen to orange-red; these are tart tasting but make excellent jam.* [Botanica]

## Physical Conditions

Condition

Good.

## Physical Description 2

Context

The tree contributes to the inter-war house garden.

## Historical Australian Themes

Creating private landscapes

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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