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# HOBSON'S BAY YACHT CLUB JETTIES AND CLUBROOMS

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## Location

NELSON PLACE AND FERGUSON ST WILLIAMSTOWN, HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0545

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hobsons Bay Yacht Club and pier are located adjacent and south of Ferguson St Pier/ Rosny Pier. The slip, clubrooms and jetty were built by 1894 (Cox), and the organisation is the oldest yacht club still on original premises, with the slipway aged over 120 years old. The current slipway is a significant example of boat launching facilities given its age.

### Interpretation of Site

An aerial photograph of the area shows a large boatshed with central protruding jetty, and large numbers of small boats stored in the landward yard. This site was not inspected and requires further investigation.

Ericson (pers comms) has reported that club members discovered parts of original seawall under the current slipway traverse during recent excavations to install sewerage tanks. Given that the club has been resident on the site for so long, it is probable that former structures associated with the dredging depot may lie buried beneath current building foundations. The current slipway is a significant example of boat launching facilities given its age.

Other Names WILLIAMSTOWN DREDGING DEPOT,

Hermes  
Number 13675

Property  
Number

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## History

In 1873, the Department of Public Works called for tenders for the old dredge depot near the corner of Ferguson St and Nelson Place. An 1880's plan shows the depot had been taken over by (the Hobson's Bay) Yacht Club, which was established in 1888 by an ex pilot. The slip, clubrooms and jetty were built by 1894, and the organisation is the oldest yacht club still on original premises, with the slipway aged over 120 years old (John Ericson, pers comms). An aerial photograph of the area shows a large boatshed with central protruding jetty, and large numbers of small boats stored in the landward yard.

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