

---

# FERGUSON STREET PIER



Ferguson St Pier  
Williamstown June 2003 001



Ferguson St Pier  
Williamstown June 2003 002

---

## Location

FERGUSON STREET AND NELSON PLACE WILLIAMSTOWN, HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0544

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

---

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 27, 2005

.

The timber approach (440 x 14ft) was constructed between 1926-27, and a 250 ft long stone approach added in 1927 which was paid for by the WCC with some materials supplied by the MHT. In 1928, a timber shelter shed was added to the pier's end for passengers awaiting the SS Rosny ferry service. A low level landing was built on the pier's northern side from 1936-37. In 1965, the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club was granted permission to moor its vessels on the south side of the pier, and has since expanded to occupy both sides of the pier (Leak, pers comms). The pier is a rare example of a structure that was built in two halves by government and private developments.

Interpretation  
of Site

It is of social significance as one of many former ferry landings in this area. It is also of significance as part of a chain of former Melbourne Harbour Trust depots in the Williamstown area.

Due to a dispute between over jurisdiction, the shoreward bluestone section of the pier was built by the Williamstown City Council, and the seaward end was built by the Melbourne Harbour Trust. The outer section was 130 ft long x 30 ft wide, and was constructed in 1924 by the MHT (who shared the cost with the WCC). The pier is currently under reconstruction with Parks Victoria, and piles have been reported being removed, and a new deck added.

Other Names ROSNY PIER,

Hermes  
Number 13937

Property  
Number

---

## History

In 1922, it was reported that the PWD had previously had a blacksmith shop and slipway at the foot of Ferguson St for the repair of floating plant, which was later abandoned when the Graving Dock was built. Initially called the Rosny Pier, tenders were called to construct this pier in 1924.

Due to a dispute between over jurisdiction, the shoreward bluestone section of the pier was built by the Williamstown City Council, and the seaward end was built by the Melbourne Harbour Trust. The outer section was 130 ft long x 30 ft wide, and was constructed in 1924 by the MHT (who shared the cost with the WCC). The timber approach (440 x 14 ft) was constructed between 1926 - 27, and a 250 ft long stone approach added in 1927 which was paid for by the WCC with some materials supplied by the MHT. In 1928, a timber shelter shed was added to the pier's end for passengers awaiting the SS Rosny ferry service. A low level landing was built on the pier's northern side from 1936-37. In 1965, the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club was granted permission to moor its vessels on the south side of the pier, and has since expanded to occupy both sides of the pier (Leak, pers comms).

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*