
171 Aitken Street



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Location

171 Aitken Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO37

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is Significant?

'Heathville', constructed in 1894, at 171 Aitken Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

'Heathville' at 171 Aitken Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the first known example of the Queen Anne style in Williamstown. As the house of a railway employee, it illustrates the influence of this locally important industry upon the early development of Williamstown. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a near original and early example in the metropolitan context of the Queen Anne style applied to a small dwelling, which was later adapted extensively to small and large domestic architecture. It also contributes to the historic character of Aitken Street. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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

Other Names Heathville,

Hermes Number 14964

Property Number

Physical Description 1

'Heathville' is an early Queen Anne style weatherboard cottage. The hipped and gabled roof is clad in corrugated steel with formed metal ridge decoration and finials, and a timber post bullnose-roof verandah. Unusual ribbed brick chimneys, deeply bracketed eaves, a half-timbered gable, slotted and fretted timber verandah friezes, and unusual open work columns, supporting Gothic-arches, help provide the fusion of Oriental, French and English-derived ornament associated with this later prolific domestic style.

A non-compatible fence has replaced the presumed picket type (with splayed ingo-plan); (3) minor alterations made to the verandah; rain water gutters have been replaced with a non-compatible profile; and paint colours changed.

Integrity

Integrity - High. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

Near to the Ferguson Street commercial area and contributive to a Victorian and Edwardian period residential precinct in Aitken Street.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Arthur Edgar Jones and Randolph Fogarty

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