
Victorian Duplex - 'Flynn' House



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Location

31-33 Cecil Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO51

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Victorian duplex, or 'Flynn' House, constructed in 1884, at 31-33 Cecil Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Victorian duplex or 'Flynn' House, at 31-33 Cecil Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the duplex is significant as an example of an investment pair typically located near to the investor's own residence, which is also of interest for its association with William Emerson. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Aesthetically, the duplex is significant as an early example of the timber hipped roof duplex form so prevalent in Williamstown but less so in the metropolis and is notable for the early use in a metropolitan context of ashlar facing and the bay windows. It contributes to the historic character of Cecil Street. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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

Other Names 'Flynn' House,

Hermes Number 14980

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The duplex at 31-33 Cecil Street comprises single-fronted Victorian cottages with verandahs, ashlar-pattern boarding to the facade, bracketed eaves and an undivided hip roof, clad with iron. Cast-iron friezes set to duplex posts, decorate the verandah of No. 31, whilst an unusual feature of both is the window bay, set beneath the verandah's concave roof.

The roof is all that survives of the verandah to No. 33 and its front fence has been replaced. No. 31 is generally original except for the sympathetic picket fence, which is of a later date.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity: High (31) Moderate (33). *Condition:* Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

Contributive to a nineteenth century residential streetscape, relating in form particularly to the adjoining duplex at Nos. 35-37, and also to Nos. 27, 29, 37A, 41, 43 and 45 and in part 27 and generally to the materials and setback of other houses in the street.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

John Flynn, William Emmerson

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