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## House, 43 Cecil Street



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### Location

43 Cecil Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO54

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed c.1872 (possibly with remnants of the earlier c.1857 dwelling), at 43 Cecil Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 43 Cecil Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as an early dwelling, which demonstrates the development of Williamstown during the mid-nineteenth century and may contain in part one of the oldest dwellings in Williamstown. It also had a long association with the Mackrell family who played a role in the early commercial history of the city. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a rare and early example of a two storey weatherboard house, which contributes to the historic character of Cecil Street. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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## Physical Description 1

A two-storey weatherboarded hip roof house with a two level timber, convex roofed verandah (rebuilt) with duplex posts and cast-iron decoration; the early pattern balustrade panels possibly being original to its two storey form of c1874. Unusual four-light windows are placed central to each facade level; however, these may not be original.

An intrusive fence has replaced what presumably was picket (arrow or spade head probable); the verandah details and decoration have been altered (if not rebuilt), the convex verandah roof being typical of the late 19th century; the window groups may have replaced earlier single double-hung sashes or double lights (French doors).

The house has been renovated in a similar form, materials and detail to existing with much replacement of fabric. The verandah has been rebuilt, using a more likely panelled frieze for the construction period. The verandah balustrade has been rebuilt with a simple slatted detail with no further evidence available for reconstruction.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity* - Moderate to Low. *Condition* - Good.

## Physical Description 2

Context

Contributive to a nineteenth century residential streetscape, providing one of its early components and relating in setback, form, materials and detail.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

William J Mackerell

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