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## House, 53 Cecil Street



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### Location

53 Cecil Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO55

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed 1885, at 53 Cecil Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 53 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 a representative example of a speculative investment dwelling, which were constructed prior to the recession of the late 1890s. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a representative example of a Victorian villa, which is notable for less common elements such as the beaded boards and concave roof verandah. It contributes to the historic nineteenth century character of Cecil Street. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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Hermes Number 14984

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A double-fronted, beaded weatherboard and hipped iron clad roof Italianate styled villa with a concave profile iron roof, timber post verandah and cast iron frieze. Broad shafted stuccoed and corniced chimneys are distinctive, whilst exceptional elements include the beaded edge boarding and concave verandah roof. The eaves bracketing and other general characteristics are typical of Victorian homes of this period. A sympathetic but later picket fence is at the frontage, while the concrete crossover and driveway is an unfortunate intrusion.

The house generally appears to be externally original with the exception of the fence and rain water plumbing.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - High. Condition - Good.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

The house contributes to the nineteenth century residential character of Cecil Street, relating to Nos. 29- 45, 55 and 65.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Henry McMasters, Captain Charles Burrell

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