United Friendly Societies (UFS) Dispensary (Former)



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Location

35 Davies Street NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO80

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former United Friendly Societies Dispensary, designed by William Pitt and constructed in 1915, at 35 Davies Street, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The former United Friendly Societies Dispensary at 35 Davies Street, Newport is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically and socially, it is significant as the only known example of a Friendly Society Dispensary in Hobsons Bay and is therefore notable for its ability to illustrate the important role that these organisations played in the early development of the community. It also demonstrates the growth that occurred in the Newport area during the Edwardian and Interwar periods. (AHC criteria A4, B2 and G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a notable example of Edwardian architecture by prominent Melbourne architect, William Pitt, which expresses its former role through the original integral signage. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;
Architect/Designer	Pitt, William,
Hermes Number	15009
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former UFS Dispensary is a two-storey, red brick Edwardian building, built along the street boundary, with a high parapet concealing its roof. Significant original elements include:

- The central bay window with leadlight casements and fish scale patterned pressed metal with carved timber brackets, which is flanked by symmetrically placed narrow windows.

- Scrolled parapet with 'UFS Dispensary' signage.

- Roughcast rendering to the upper part of the facade beneath a moulded cement rendered cornice.

The ground floor has been altered by addition of large windows and a timber post verandah

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - Moderate. *Condition* - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

Situated at the eastern end of Davies Street, which is otherwise residential but in proximity to the Edwardian era shopping centre in Melbourne Road.

Historical Australian Themes

Building settlements, towns and cities; Development of community services and utilities.

Physical Description 3

Associations

United Friendly Societies, William Pitt

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