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Location

3 Electra Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO93

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Morning Star Hotel, constructed in 1890, at 3 Electra Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Morning Star Hotel is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as one of the oldest continuously operating hotels in Williamstown. It demonstrates the improvements that were made to hotels as a result of changes to Licensing Laws in the late nineteenth century. (AHC criteria A4 and B2)

Socially, it demonstrates the important role of hotels in the everyday community life of early Williamstown. (AHC criterion G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as superior example of an intact Victorian hotel, which retains original ornament and form. The scale of the building demonstrates the prosperity of Williamstown and expresses the confidence of the owners in the future development of Williamstown at the time the hotel was built. Prominently sited near a key intersection, it makes a significant contribution to the historic character of Electra Street and the surrounding area. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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Hermes Number 15022

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This two storey stuccoed brick hotel is styled after the Italian Renaissance revival, with a balustraded cement parapet and central segment arched raised entablature. Impost moulds connect the upper level segment arched windows, with their key stones and abstracted label moulds, while the ground level arched and segment arched openings are plainer but have voussoirs incised into the stucco. Glazed tiling has been introduced some time early in the twentieth century as a dado. A string mould and parapet cornice divide the building's facade horizontally.

External changes to the original fabric appear to be minimal: A tiled dado has been added, presumably early this century; signs added and doors have been replaced.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. Condition - Good

Physical Description 2

Context

A prominently sited corner hotel in a generally residential, smaller scaled area but relates in scale and ornament to the Mechanics' Institute and Masonic Temple Hall, further north in Electra Street.

Historical Australian Themes

Lodging People

Physical Description 3

Associations

West End and Victoria Brewery, Carlton and West End Brewery Company

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