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Location

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Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO100

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is Significant?

The house, originally constructed (in part) c.1856 with later additions, at 54 Electra Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 54 Electra 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 house built in two stages that demonstrates the early development of Williamstown and the later prosperity associated with the port that led to the construction of grander residences. It is also significant for its associations with one of the original owners, James McIntyre, who was a founding member of the Melbourne Steamship Company. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a superior example of a Victorian Italianate villa, which contributes to the historic character of Electra Street. (AHC criteria E1)

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

Hermes Number 15030

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The house at 54 Electra Street, Williamstown is a late example of a weatherboard Victorian Italianate villa, which may contain part of the original seven-roomed villa originally constructed c.1857. It is double-fronted, verandahed and bayed in plan with a slated M-hip roof, and cast iron ornament and structure supporting the ogee-profile verandah iron roof. There is a pergola, which appears to date from the 1920s.

A double palisade timber picket fence, with shepherds-crook posts, which appeared to date from the house's reconstruction and was still extant in 1990 has been replaced by a Edwardian-era reproduction.

Integrity

External Integrity

Integrity - High. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

A contributory element in the historic Electra Street precinct that relates to adjacent early Victorian and Edwardian houses in materials, roof form, siting and period detail.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

William Kerr, James McIntyre, James M Scott

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