
House at 89 Esplanade



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WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons
Bay Heritage Study 2006

Location

89 Esplanade WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO115

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

'Berean', constructed in 1911, at 89 Esplanade, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

'Berean' at 89 Esplanade, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is one of a number of villas along the Esplanade owned by a pilot, which illustrates the strong connection between the development of this area and the maritime industries that defined early Williamstown. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is a locally rare example of a large and well detailed Edwardian villa, which relates to other large late nineteenth and early twentieth century maritime villas in the Esplanade. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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

Other Names Berean,

Hermes Number 15046

Property Number

Physical Description 1

'Berean' at 89 Esplanade, Williamstown is a single-storey, asymmetrical weatherboard Edwardian villa with a gabled and hipped Marseilles patterned terracotta tiled roof. The house is set back from the street by a large front garden. Other significant or original elements include:

- The distinctive Edwardian villa form
- Half timbered gable ends
- Terracotta ridge cresting
- Timber-framed casement windows with highlights
- Fish scale patterned timber boarding beneath bay windows
- Red brick chimneys with roughcast rendered caps and terracotta pots

The verandah has been extended around the front projecting bay and the timber fretwork may also be a later addition. An extension including a garage has been added to the side of the house in a matching style.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

'Berean' is one of a number of surviving grand houses from the Victorian to Interwar period along the Esplanade, and is one of a group of three in this locality (See also citations for 87 Esplanade and 93 Esplanade)

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Harold Thomsett

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