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Location

50-54 Ferguson Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO121

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Rose of Australia hotel, constructed in 1865, at 50-54 Ferguson Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Rose of Australia hotel is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the earliest surviving commercial building in Ferguson Street and illustrates the development associated with the era when Williamstown was the main port of Melbourne. It is also significant for its strong associations with John Morgan who was one of the more prominent commercial and political figures in Williamstown. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as near original simply designed hotel which adopts a traditionally early but common form and contributes physically and historically to the commercial streetscape. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

Socially, it is significant for its role as a community meeting place over a long period and it demonstrates the importance of hotels in the early development of Williamstown. (AHC criterion G1)

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Hermes Number 15052

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Rose of Australia Hotel is a parapeted, stuccoed brick and stone two-storey Victorian building with an iron-clad hipped roof (double bay) just visible behind the parapet; perhaps indicative of an earlier unparapeted form. The upper fenestration is symmetrically placed, under the simple cornice and shallow parapet gable, whilst that at the lower level has been altered.

Stone walling is visible for the first level on the side elevation possibly indicating an initial one storey form - however this is unsupported by room numbers.

The lower level fenestration appears altered; the lower facade has been faced with brick; signs have been attached.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good

Physical Description 2

Context

An early contributory building to the commercial streetscape directly relating to the adjoining Bank and other 19th century parapeted buildings nearby.

Historical Australian Themes

Developing local, regional and national economies, Lodging people

Physical Description 3

Associations

John Morgan

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