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# 1 Forster Street



1 Forster Street, Hobsons Bay Heritage Study 2006

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## Location

1 Forster Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO129

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed by CF Griffiths in 1915-16, at 1 Forster Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 1 Forster Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its associations with CF Griffiths, who was an important contractor who constructed many buildings in Williamstown in the early twentieth century. It also had later associations with locally important citizen, JT Gray. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a locally rare and notable example of a Queen Anne villa on a prominent corner site that displays its asymmetrical form to its best advantage. Incorporating a range of decorative elements typical of its style, it is distinguished by the decorative detailing to the verandah and makes an important contribution to the early twentieth century streetscape character of Forster Street. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Construction dates 1915,

Hermes Number 15060

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 1 Forster Street is an asymmetrically planned, timber board and rough-cast stuccoed Queen Anne styled villa with Marseilles pattern tiled roof gables set against a Dutch hipped main roof. A timber verandah links the two gabled wings, which are at diagonally opposing corners, whilst a minor porch-like gable is set in the main verandah elevation and is supported on duplex posts. Slatted segment-arched friezes ornament the verandah whilst terra-cotta finials and ridging decorate the roof.

The main elevation gable may have been trussed (see other gable); the colours is not original, and the fence has been replaced sympathetically.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

The commencement of an early 20th century residential streetscape which shares materials, gabled roof forms, some period detail and siting.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

CE Griffiths, JT Gray.

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