
Williamstown Italian Social Club



Williamstown Italian Social Club, Hobsons Bay Heritage Study 2006

Location

30 Garden Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO132

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Williamstown Italian Social Club, constructed c.1950, at 30 Garden Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Williamstown Italian Social Club is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically and socially, it demonstrates the impact of migration upon Williamstown in the postwar period and is important for its associations with the Italian community over a long period of time. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and G1)

Aesthetically, it is a locally rare and intact example of postwar functionalist architecture. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Hermes Number 15065

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Williamstown Italian Social Club is constructed of brick in the postwar functionalist style. The building is notable for the bold composition and massing of its symmetrically composed and stepped facade. Fenestration is limited to three square windows in the central bay above the letters and two tall vertical windows in the flanking bays. The centrally located entrance is enclosed by wrought iron gates which feature the acronym of the club, that is also featured in letters attached to the facade above the doorway.

It is not known whether the present building was a conversion of the earlier buildings on this site or an entirely new building. Further investigation is required.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

The building is related to the sporting field and pavilions within the Fearon Reserve on the opposite side of Garden Street.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs, Forming clubs and associations

Physical Description 3

Associations

Williamstown Italian Social Club, WH Gaunt?

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