
Alloa



House at 168 Hall Street
SPOTSWOOD, Hobsons Bay
Heritage Study 2006

Location

168 Hall Street SPOTSWOOD, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO141

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

'Alloa', constructed in 1908 and possibly designed by HV & A Champion, at 168 Hall Street, Spotswood.

How is it Significant?

'Alloa' at 168 Hall Street, Spotswood is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its strong associations with the development of industry in Spotswood as a house constructed for the Manager of the Melbourne Glass Bottle Works (later ACI), which became a major industry not only in Spotswood, but in a national context as well. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a superior and intact example of a Medieval Revival bungalow, a style that is rare in both Williamstown and the metropolitan area. As an early example, it illustrates the influence of this style upon later bungalow designs. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Architect/Designer Champion, HV & A,

Hermes Number 15074

Property Number

Physical Description 1

'Alloa' is a large, bayed in plan, red brick and rough cast stucco residence with a high, slated Dutch-hipped roof and three-sided timber verandah, within the roof pitch. A series of shallow gables set in the roof provides a bungalow effect whilst the same gable, with a Chinese arch beneath, is used centrally in the west verandah elevation. Duplex posts and ornately fretted brackets support the verandah whilst delicate slatting fills the arch-spandrels under the entry gable. Window bays are distributed around the building whilst banded chimney cornices are typical. A mature Cypress row marks the original planting.

Unlike the Queen Anne, this house has a strong simple roof line more akin to the Indian bungalow and is thus a rare example of its period.

'Alloa' appears to be externally original apart from the painting of some brickwork. However, its setting has been greatly compromised by subdivision and later development, which obscures the view of the house from Hall Street.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

Isolated building type but related to adjoining factory lots, as the former manager's house (see also 184 Hall Street).

Historical Australian Themes

Making suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

William McNeilage, Australian Glass Bottle Works, HV & A Champion, ACI

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