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### Location

28 Lyons Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO170

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

'Rheola', constructed by Isaac Hopkins in 1884, including the front fence at 28 Lyons Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

'Rheola' at 28 Lyons Street, Williamstown is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its associations with the locally important identity, Isaac Hopkins and demonstrates the prosperity of Williamstown during the late nineteenth century. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a locally rare superior example of a parapeted Victorian Italianate villa, which is notable for the extravagant 'boom-style' detailing to the facade and is complemented by the front fence. It makes an important contribution to the historic streetscape of Lyons Street. (AHC criteria B2 and E1)

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

Other Names Rheola,

Hermes Number 15102

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

'Rheola' is a symmetrically composed stuccoed Italianate villa with a side entrance, a balustraded and pired parapet, twin slated-roof window bays, and a cast-iron decorated verandah which spans between the bays. Draped urns survive at the parapet piers as do other stucco details, such as the dentillation to the chimney cornice and below the deep main cornice, the impost moulding and the architraves to the arched windows.

The iron picket fence at the frontage is sympathetic, though possibly not original (timber picket?). The sympathetic garden setting contains some notable trees and completes the period setting of the house.

## Integrity

External Integrity

*Integrity - High. Condition - Good*

## Physical Description 2

Context

Atypical in form and finish but siting and period detail link it to other nineteenth century houses at 22, 32 and 34.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Isaac Hopkins

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