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Location

3 Macquarie Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO172

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed prior to 1857, at 3 Macquarie Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 3 Macquarie Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as a rare example of a pre-1860 timber house, which is among the oldest timber houses in Victoria. It is also significant for its associations with Samuel Evans who was one of the best known and accomplished of the bay pilots, a group closely linked with Williamstown's special early maritime role in the metropolis. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a near original early and picturesque example of an unusual residential type with rare details such as the twin finialled gables with scalloped, fretted barges set against a transverse gabled, iron clad roof with similar barges facing the sides of the block. It contributes to the historic character of Macquarie Street. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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Hermes Number 15104

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This double fronted house is distinguished by its unusual twin finialled gables with scalloped, fretted barges set against a transverse gabled, iron clad roof with similar barges facing the sides of the block. The cladding is of weather board and the entrance is centred at the roof gable's meeting point. A timber verandah is placed at the facade.

Changes to the original or early fabric include:

- The lead lighted door (c1910), which replaced a probable four-panel door.
- A new picket fence (There may be a surviving early side gate which has the original head profile?)
- New French doors in the front elevation, which are reputedly based upon the original doors removed in the 1930s/
- Removal of the cast iron verandah frieze, which was probably added c.1890.

Additions have been made at the rear.

Integrity

External integrity and condition

Integrity - Moderate. *Condition* - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

Sited near the former Alfred Hotel (1859), in a relatively narrow street typically evolved from a private survey, and across from a number of distinguishably old timber verandahed cottages.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Samuel Evans, William Usher

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