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## House at 481 Melbourne Road



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### Location

481 Melbourne Road NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO199

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, designed by Robert Adamson and constructed in 1875, at 481 Melbourne Road, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The house at 481 Melbourne Road, Newport is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the oldest building in Newport and illustrates the early development of this area. The bluestone construction illustrates the early quarrying industry in the Newport and Spotswood area, and it is also of interest for its associations with the locally important McIndoe family. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a locally rare example of an elaborate double fronted Victorian villa, which is notable for its uncommon wall material and unusual cast iron verandah detailing. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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

Architect/Designer Adamson, Robert,

Hermes Number 15131

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 481 Melbourne Road, Newport is a double fronted, basalt masonry Victorian villa with a high hipped and slated roof and an unusual, return cast-iron verandah with open-work supports panelled friezes and intact baluster panels. Cream bricks frame the openings and form window bays and chimneys.

Changes to the original fabric include:

- The painting of the bricks and stone
- The replacement of rain gutters and the fence.
- The removal of part of the cast-iron verandah ornament.

The present capped roof ridge may have replaced a tower; a form used contemporarily at Queenscliff and other waterside localities to view the sea.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Fair*

## Physical Description 2

Context

Isolated early dwelling surrounded by development from later periods.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

### **Physical Description 3**

#### *Associations*

John McIndoe, Robert Adamson

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