
Williamstown War Memorial



Williamstown War Memorial,
Hobsons Bay Heritage Study
2006

Location

Nelson Place and Ferguson Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO208

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Williamstown War Memorial comprising the World War 1 memorial erected in 1925, the World War 2 flagpoles erected in 1945 and the associated poplar trees and hedges, situated in the central median at the intersection of Ferguson Street and Nelson Place, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Williamstown War Memorial is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the major memorial erected by the City of Williamstown to commemorate World War 1. The siting of the memorial close to the port reflects the maritime history of the city. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Socially, it is significant for its strong associations with the local community as the focus of Anzac Day and Armistice Day commemorations within the city (AHC criterion G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as the finest example of an Interwar memorial within the municipality, which emphasizes the civic character of this key intersection at the heart of Williamstown. (AHC criterion E1)

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Hermes Number 15142

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Williamstown World War 1 Memorial is constructed of Harcourt Granite and comprises three bluestone steps on a Greek Cross of reinforced concrete with a bronze laurel wreath on the face above the words "Lest We Forget". Names of those who gave the Supreme Sacrifice are given in lead letters on front and sides.

The view of the Monument is framed by two Lombardy poplars and the World War 2 flagpoles, which accentuate its verticality while clipped privet hedges provide an appropriate formal setting.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

The memorial occupies a prominent position at the intersection of two key streets. It terminates the vista looking down Ferguson Street toward the sea.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

City of Williamstown, World War 1 and 2, RJ Wilson

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