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## Oriental Hotel (Former)



Oriental Hotel (former),  
Hobsons Bay Heritage Study  
2006

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### Location

55 Nelson Place WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO211

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Oriental or Builders Arms Hotel, constructed c.1871, at 55 Nelson Place, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The former Oriental or Builders Arms Hotel at Nelson Place, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the hotel is significant as one of a number along Nelson Place in proximity to the waterfront, which demonstrates their important role in the early development of the town and the importance of Nelson Place as the commercial heart of Williamstown during the mid to late nineteenth century. It also illustrates how hotels were upgraded following changes to licensing laws during the late nineteenth century, which required hotels to have a certain number of rooms of minimum dimensions to be licensed. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, although altered, it is significant as a rare example of a three-storey corner hotel that relates to other similarly sited nineteenth century hotels in the Nelson Place and Government Survey Heritage Precincts. (AHC criteria B2 and E1)

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

Construction dates 1888,

Hermes Number 15144

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The former Oriental Hotel is a three storey stuccoed brick building on a corner site, which is constructed to both street frontages. The present verandah is not original: A c.1870 photo shows the building without a verandah.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - Low. Condition - Poor.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

The former Oriental Hotel occupies a prominent corner site in Nelson Place - although now relatively isolated, it is one of a number of early hotels on key sites along Nelson Place including the Prince Alfred, The Royal, the Pier, the Bayview and the Yacht Club.

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing local, regional and national economies, Lodging people

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Mrs BM Murphy

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