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Location

125-129 Nelson Place WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO213

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

'Craigantina', comprising three shops and residences designed by WE Wells and constructed in 1886, at 125-129 Nelson Place, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

'Craigantina' at 125-129 Nelson Place, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it demonstrates the development of Nelson Place as the main commercial centre of Williamstown during the nineteenth century. It is also of interest for its associations with John Harker Craig. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant for its unusual Medieval Revival design detail, which is rare in a commercial context in Williamstown and the metropolitan area. On a prominent corner site, it makes a notable contribution to the historic character of the Nelson Place commercial precinct. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Architect/Designer Wells, William Elliot,

Hermes Number 15146

Property Number

Physical Description 1

'Craigantina' is a group of three two storey stuccoed brick Victorian shops with residences above. Stylistically, the use of labelmoulded, flat-head and pointed arch windows, set in bays, and a castellated parapet is similar to the 'Tudor House' in Pasco Street (q.v.). Notable elements include:

- The castellated parapet
- The projecting castellated bay windows in the upper elevation.
- The projecting upper level oriel tower at the corner with flagpole
- The early shopfront to No. 125, and the original (?) shopfront to No. 129

The original cast iron verandah shown in early photographs has been removed along with one of the shop fronts.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

'Craigantina' is an important corner building that provides a 'bookend' to the historic Nelson Place precinct, and contributes to the nineteenth century character of the area.

Historical Australian Themes

Developing local, regional and national economies, Marketing & retailing

Physical Description 3

Associations

John Harker Craig, WE Wells, Andrew J Aitken, Frederick Woods

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