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## Ashton Villa



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### Location

64 Pasco Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO250

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

Ashton Villa, designed by Thomas Morris and constructed by Isaac Clark in 1858, at 64 Pasco Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

Ashton Villa at 64 Pasco Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its strong associations with Williamstown's early and important role as first Melbourne's first harbour by the house's long occupation and ownership by the grantee, George Ashton, who was one of the first group of government appointees under the new Victorian government for maritime service. It is also significant as one of a small number of pre-1860 dwellings in Williamstown and the State of Victoria. (AHC criteria A4, B2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a near original example of an early and simply styled Victorian villa, which is notable for its basalt construction and original features such as the twelve pane windows and original chimneys. Situated on a prominent corner site, it makes a significant contribution to the historic character of the Government Survey precinct. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Architect/Designer Morris, Thomas,

Hermes Number 22229

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A double fronted, slated hip roof basalt masonry house with deep, three-light, 12 pane windows on either side of a top and side lit door. There are three original or early chimneys. While generally original, the following changes have been made:

- The replacement (or modification) of the former spade-head picket fence with a 'sympathetic' one.
- The addition of a related verandah. A verandah was shown on the MMBW Detail Plan of 1905, this was later removed, and may have been itself an addition. (Refer photograph 'Historic Buildings of Victoria' building 126; MMBW Detail Plan 34).

Unsympathetic additions have been made at the rear, which are visible from Lyons Street.

(Note a planning permit has been granted by VCAT allowing removal of one of the stone chimneys and the addition of a major two storey addition wholly visible from Lyons Street.)

## Integrity

External Integrity

*Integrity - High. Condition - Good.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

On a corner site (see integrity) and relates to 62 and 56 Pasco Street in form, detail and siting.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

### **Physical Description 3**

*Associations*

George Ashton

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