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# House at 88 Railway Crescent



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## Location

88 Railway Crescent WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO263

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed by David Rodger in 1930, at 88 Railway Crescent, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 88 Railway Crescent, 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 the locally important Rodger family. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a locally rare and intact example of a successful and unusual design, which uses the modish Swiss Chalet form of the 1920s in a way more typical of nineteenth century construction. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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Hermes Number 22246

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 88 Railway Crescent, Williamstown is a Swiss Chalet style gabled face brick villa with ground and attic levels, and twin gabled dormers facing south. The main elevation is symmetrical with a rectangular roof vent matched by another oculus vent at the first floor level: both being centred with a segment-arched attic window pair between, and twin hipped concave-roof window bays to either side. More typical of the 19th century, the walls are built on basalt footings and terra-cotta ridging to the steep slated roof is more common in the period 1900-15.

The front fence, although related to the period of the house, is not original.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. *Condition* - Fair.

## Physical Description 2

Context

The house is set back and cramped on its site due to further subdivision, and while set apart because of its distinctive style, it nonetheless contributes to the late 19th and early 20th century streetscape character of Railway Crescent.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

David Rodger

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