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# Solomit or Straw House



House at 2 Seaview Crescent  
SEAHOLME, Hobsons Bay  
Heritage Study 2006

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## Location

2 Seaview Crescent SEAHOLME, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO269

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Solomit or Straw House, designed by Marcus Barlow and constructed by Woolcot Forbes in 1941, at 2 Seaview Crescent, Seaholme.

How is it Significant?

The Solomit or Straw House at 2 Seaview Crescent, Seaholme is of local historic, aesthetic and technical significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as a rare example of an innovative house type that demonstrates responses to the materials shortages caused by World War 2. It is also important for its association with the noted architect, Marcus Barlow. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a representative example of the Old English style, which is distinguished by its rare construction technique. (AHC criterion E1)

Technically, it is significant as rare example of a dwelling using an unusual construction method that utilised innovatory building techniques as a consequence of materials shortages after the outbreak of World War 2. (AHC criteria B2 and F1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;
Architect/Designer	Barlow, Marcus,
Other Names	Solomit or Straw House,
Hermes Number	22251
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This 'Solomit' or 'straw' house is a single storey dwelling in an Old English style, using straw insulation and rough render facing. It is similar in style and plan to the other four houses at 169-175 Maidstone Street, Altona (q.v.) The public view of the house is obscured by a high brick fence.

## Integrity

External Condition

Fair

External Integrity

High

## Physical Description 2

Context

Set in flat area of mainly later detached housing.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

### **Physical Description 3**

Associations Marcus Barlow, Solomit Ltd., Woolcot Forbes

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