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## Napier Hotel (Former)



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### Location

52 Stevedore Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO278

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Napier Hotel (Former), constructed in 1858, at 52 Stevedore Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Napier Hotel (Former) at 52 Stevedore Street, Williamstown is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its associations with the earliest development of Williamstown as one of the oldest hotels and illustrates the first phase of commercial development that occurred in the Private Survey area to the north of Ferguson Street. It also has strong associations with James Moxham. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a near original early former hotel building in an advanced form for its construction date, which includes the early use of a parapet that only became common in later years. It is a prominent early landmark within Stevedore Street and forms part of an important group with the early shops on the opposite corner. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

Socially, it is significant for its strong associations with the local community as a social centre and meeting place over a long period and demonstrates the importance of hotels in the early development of port communities like Williamstown. (AHC criterion G1)

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## Physical Description 1

The Napier is a two-storey, parapeted stuccoed stone and brick former hotel, built to the building line with a splayed corner. Symmetrical six-pane sash fenestration exists on both elevations.

The corner entrance and top-light have been closed in and the Haslam Street door altered; the old section has been replaced by an unsympathetic addition.

## Integrity

External Integrity

*Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Fair.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

A prominent corner building, which relates to Nos. 46-48 opposite (q.v.) and the former Alfred Hotel at 92 Stevedore Street.

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing local, regional and national economies, Lodging people

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Thomas Dudley, James Moxham, Thomas Linton

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