
Police Station, Sergeant and Watchhouse Keeper Quarters (Former)



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Location

8-10 Thompson Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO299

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Police Station (Sergeant and Watchhouse Keeper quarters), designed by the Public Works Department and constructed by Mr Parker in 1907, at 8-10 Thompson Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The former Police Station (Sergeant and Watchhouse Keeper quarters) at 8-10 Thompson Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, as the only early buildings associated with the main period of development of the former Government reserve in Thompson Street they play an important role in understanding and interpreting the history of this area during the nineteenth and early twentieth century when it was part of the civic heart of Williamstown. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, they are intact and representative examples of Public Works Department architecture with detailing that is typical of the period, which contribute to the historic character of Thompson Street. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Hermes Number	22281
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Watchhouse Keeper quarters is a single-storey, asymmetrical red brick building with a hipped and gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof (recent). There are two entrance porches. The building is set back from Thomson Street by a garden.

To the west of the quarters is the former police sergeants residence, which is a single-storey, asymmetrical red brick house with a hipped and gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof. It has a skillion roof verandah. The house is set back from the street by a garden.

Significant elements include:

- The distinctive form, which is typical of public works architecture of the late Federation period.
- Double-hung sash windows with concrete lintels
- Tall red brick chimneys with roughcast rendered caps and terracotta pots

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. *Condition* - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

The former police station (Sergeant and Watchhouse Keepers quarters) form part of a small group of public buildings, which includes the nearby former Court House, which was constructed in 1974 and replaced the original court house on that site.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Victorian Government.

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