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Location

72 Thompson Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1792

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO301

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Bridge Hotel, constructed in 1868, at 72 Thompson Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The former Bridge Hotel at 72 Thompson Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is one of the oldest surviving hotels in Williamstown and is one of a number scattered throughout the otherwise residential area of the Government Survey precinct, which illustrates the proliferation of hotels prior to the introduction of stricter licensing controls in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is important as a very rare and relatively intact example of a two-storey timber hotel, one of perhaps only two surviving examples in the State. The simplicity of style and detailing, characteristic of hotels of this age, contributes to the historic character of the Government Survey precinct. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

Note: Included on the Victorian Heritage Register as VHR H1792.

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

Hermes Number 22283

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The former Bridge Hotel is a two storey, weatherboarded and hipped roof, building built on the two street frontages and possessing a splayed corner entrance. The windows are architraved but, other than the 'pilasters' at the corner, there is little other ornament.

The entrance doors have been replaced and the flanking opening appears to have been enlarged; the upper level corner window has been sheeted over.

Associations

John Watson, Mrs. Marquis

Integrity

External Integrity

Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

A major corner element (2 storeyed) which relates to similar hipped roof timber buildings (mostly residential), at 74, 66-68, 78 and 80 Thompson Street, and also to the former Phaup's Beach Hotel at 41 Twyford Street. It is also identifiable as a corner hotel by its form and siting.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

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