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### Location

51 Victoria Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO310

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed by Arthur J Maddock in 1917, at 51 Victoria Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 51 Victoria Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it was closely associated with the locally important Maddock family. (AHC criterion H1)

Aesthetically, it is important as a locally rare example of an unusual design away from the mainstream of contemporary domestic architecture that hints at the developed Bungalow and Old English styles of the 1920s and 1930s whilst resembling more closely the earlier and contemporary American west coast houses (shingle style). It contributes to the historic character of Victoria Street. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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Hermes Number 22291

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 51 Victoria Street, Williamstown is a distinctive attic-styled weatherboarded and rough-cast stucco residence with twin gabled dormers set into a steeply transverse gabled iron roof. Half-timbered gables, projecting eaves and rough-cast chimneys hint at the Queen Anne style and combine with deliberate, subtle asymmetry gained by the astutely positioned blank wall panel which has been pierced with an oculus to light the porch entrance. It is said that Maddock relocated this house from Footscray.

Displaying idiosyncrasies relative to the more common period forms around it, the house may be compared with the nearby 80 Victoria Street and 88 Railway Crescent (q.v.).

It has been altered in detail only (windows) and the front fence has been removed (probable square top, broad pickets).

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - High. Condition - Good.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

The house is a prominent and contributory element in the historic interwar streetscape of Victoria Street.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Arthur J. Maddock, JL Newman

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