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Location

115 Victoria Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO314

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house and front fence, constructed in 1935, at 115 Victoria Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house and front fence at 115 Victoria Street, Williamstown are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the house was for a long period the home of one of Williamstown's foremost latter-day pilots, outliving the town's association with that profession and hence its link with its more glorious maritime mid-nineteenth century past. (AHC criteria A4 D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a locally rare and near original example of an Interwar house with Moderne influences that displays skilful massing and uncommon detailing in an otherwise typical suburban genre, which is complemented by an original and related fence and garden setting. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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Hermes Number 22295

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The house at 115 Victoria Street, Williamstown is a large interwar bungalow. Splayed gutter fascias and chevron pattern glazing-bars suggest the influence of Walter Burley Griffin. So too, does the skilful massing, which lends a Moderne flavour to an otherwise typical suburban form. Of one and two storeys with textured stucco walls the house has a dominant, high hipped roof which again suggests the oriental character used by the Griffin school.

Although the house addresses itself firmly to Victoria Street, with the strong porch and balcony element, the informal massing continues on all elevations of the house, as if designed in-the-round, in the Moderne manner. Stepped chimney tops and clinker brickwork at the fence and chimneys are also characteristic of the Moderne style. The planting scheme and colours appear original.

An architect probably was responsible for the design and possibly one of the Griffin school (Les Grant?).

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

One of two large, two storey hipped roof interwar houses at this end of Victoria Street, its shares detached hipped roof villa form and siting with adjacent houses.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Captain John Emslie Walker, EH Brooks

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