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## Robertson Reserve Dutch Elms



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### Location

105 Cecil Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO59

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Elms at Robertson Reserve (former Market Reserve), 105 Cecil Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Elms at the Robertson Reserve are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobson's Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, they demonstrate the early development of the Market Reserve, which was one of the first public reserves set aside in Williamstown and assist in illustrating prevailing attitudes to landscape design of public places during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, they contribute to the historic cultural landscape character of the reserve and the surrounding precinct. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	former Market Reserve,
Hermes Number	14988
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Robertson Reserve (former Market Reserve) contains the following significant trees:

- 6 Elms along the south (Hanmer Street) boundary.
- 5 Elms on the west (Cole Street) boundary.

Botanica (1997) provides the following description:

Dutch Elm (*Ulmus x hollandica*)

This hybrid name covers several clones believed to originate from crosses between *Ulmus glabra* and *U. minor*. Their glossy, dark green leaves are mostly smaller and less raspy than *U. glabra* leaves, and broader and shorter stalked than those of *U. minor*. The original, now referred to as 'Hollandica', has broad, rounded leaves. ...'Vegeta', the Huntingdon elm (an old clone), bears pale yellowish green leaves inflattened sprays.

## Physical Conditions

Condition

Varies - Fair to Good.

## Physical Description 2

Context

The trees are related to other mature exotic trees in this area used as street planting in Cecil, Cole and Hanmer Streets and in the grounds of the Williamstown Primary School.

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

### **Physical Description 3**

*Associations*

Williamstown Council

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