
Newport Railway Workshops Deputy Manager's Residence (Former)



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Deputy Manager's Residence
(former), Hobsons Bay
Heritage Study 2006

Location

57 Champion Road WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1839

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO67

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Newport Railway Workshops Deputy Manager's residence (former), designed by the Victorian Railways and constructed in 1916, at 57 Champion Road, Williamstown North.

How is it Significant?

The Newport Railway Workshops Deputy Manager's residence (former) is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay. It is also of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria (Refer VHR H1839).

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the Newport Railway Workshops Manager's residence (former) is significant for its strong associations with the Newport Railway Workshops, which were the main workshops of the Victorian Railways for over a century and were one of Victoria's largest and best-equipped engineering establishments. The workshops were so important to the Railways and to the Victorian economy that it was considered necessary to provide official railway residences near the complex. (AHC criterion A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, the Newport Railway Workshops Deputy Manager's residence (former) is architecturally significant as an intact example of a Bungalow style suburban villa of the late Federation/Edwardian period. The hierarchy of spaces and related hierarchy of finishes and materials are demonstrative of the type of lifestyle considered appropriate for an occupant of the status of the railway yards manager. At the same time, the plan and form are well adapted to the orientation of the site. (AHC criteria D2 and F1)

Note: Included on the Victorian Heritage Register as VHR H1839.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;
Architect/Designer	Victorian Railways,
Hermes Number	14996
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This is one of two matching Federation style, single-storey brick houses with tiled roofs set on large blocks of land on the south side of Champion Road, opposite the Newport Railway Workshops.

The refined design displays Californian and Craftsman Bungalow influences, as well as remnants of Melbourne's Queen Anne style. It shows treatments of planning and circulation, dominant ridge and gable with projecting secondary gables, and relation of roofs to the plan, which are typical of the Bungalow of this period. Other typical features are window bays with lead-lights, red brick, Marseilles tile, expressed structural timber-work, roughcast and shingles in the gables, and abstracted brackets to the eaves, porches and verandahs.

Physical Conditions

External Condition

Excellent

Integrity

External Integrity

High

Physical Description 2

Context

Set on flat land bounded by other later suburban development and near the massive Newport railway workshops.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Victorian Railways, Edward William Arthur, Edward H Brownhill

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