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# Bristol Hotel



Bristol Hotel, Hobsons Bay  
Heritage Study 2006

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## Location

190 Ferguson Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO126

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Bristol Hotel, designed by JR Jones and constructed in 1888 with later additions, at 190 Ferguson Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Bristol Hotel is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as an example of the more substantial hotels that were constructed following changes to liquor licensing regulations in the late nineteenth century and also demonstrates how hotels occupied key corner sites close to industry and stations. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, although altered, it is significant as an interesting example of a Victorian Boom Style hotel with notable details and decorations that are rare in Williamstown, which responds to the unusual shape of the site. It is an important corner element on this prominent intersection that relates in scale and siting to Owen's buildings and the Rifle Club Hotel and contributes to the historic character of the area. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Architect/Designer Jones, JR,

Hermes Number 15057

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The Bristol Hotel is a two-storey, rendered brick Victorian boom style hotel with a roof concealed behind a parapet. While the detailing is typical of the period, the unusual shape of the property has resulted in an unusual and distinctive composition. Significant or original elements include

Ground Floor

- Victorian door intact in ground floor doorway to first floor residences

First floor

- Double-hung sash windows with bracket hoods
- Rendered Corinthian pilasters
- Consoled moulded cornices
- Balustraded parapet
- A number of original chimneys

The ground floor has been significantly altered during the interwar years, while the first floor verandah and balcony has half-timbered gable ends and slender cast-iron posts and appears to have been replaced c.1910. An image in *Williamstown Illustrated* 1904 shows the original elevation, which included arcaded loggias to both ground and first floor.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity* - Moderate. *Condition* - Good.

## Physical Description 2

## Context

The Bristol Hotel occupies a prominent corner site at the western entrance to Ferguson Street - one of group of prominent civic and commercial buildings surrounding the intersection and railway line, which includes the North Williamstown Railway Station, Owens' buildings (1927), and the Rifle Range Hotel (c.1930).

## Historical Australian Themes

Building settlements towns and cities, Hotels

## Physical Description 3

### *Associations*

Henry Grith, George Coop

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