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## House at 15-17 Mason Street



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NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay  
Heritage Study 2006

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### Location

15-17 Mason Street NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO179

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The shop and residence, designed by CJ Polain and constructed in 1890, at 15-17 Mason Street, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The shop and residence at 15-17 Mason Street, Newport are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as one of the first commercial buildings in Newport, which along with other grand buildings such as the Newport Hotel and the Newport Commercial Bank demonstrates the optimistic first phase of development in this area, which was related to the speculative residential subdivision in the 1880s. (AHC criterion A4)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a superior example of a Victorian Italianate shop constructed in masonry and brick with a highly detailed nineteenth century cemented facade. It is related to the nearby Newport Hotel and makes an important contribution to the historic character of the Newport Civic & Commercial precinct. (AHC criterion F1)

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

Architect/Designer Polain, CJ,

Hermes Number 15111

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This stuccoed two storey shop and residence has been redeveloped on the lower level but has ornate Renaissance Revival detailing on the upper level. This includes trabeation, pediments over windows, a raised arched parapet entablature.

## Integrity

External Condition

Good.

External Integrity

Upper level - High. Lower level - Moderate.

## Physical Description 2

Context

The shop and residence is an important element within the Newport Civic & Commercial Precinct. Related buildings include the nearby Newport Hotel (q.v.), and the former Commercial Bank on the opposite side of Melbourne Road.

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing local, regional and national economies, Marketing & retailing

### **Physical Description 3**

#### *Associations*

Edward Jacks, CJ Polain, Arthur H +Mrs E Vickers

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