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# St Stephen's Manse



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## Location

177 Melbourne Road WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO191

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

St Stephen's Manse, designed by John M Anderson and constructed in 1890, at 177 Melbourne Road, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

St Stephen's Manse at 177 Melbourne Road, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its strong associations with the development of the Presbyterian Church as the second manse erected at this location. The more substantial construction of the Manse illustrates the development of the Parish during the latter half of the nineteenth century. (AHC criteria A4, G1 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a locally rare example of a Gothic Revival villa with intact detailing, which demonstrates its ecclesiastic associations through its architecture. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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

Architect/Designer Anderson, John,

Hermes Number 15124

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

St Stephen's Manse is an asymmetrically planned, coloured brick Victorian Gothic Revival villa with a slated hipped roof against which gabled wings have been set at opposing corners of a rectangle plan.

A return, cast-iron verandah supported on paired posts connects these two wings; possessing on the east facade a gable which marks the entrance. Reflecting the archetypical Medieval styling used for ecclesiastical work, the entrance porch has a pointed arch in the Italian Gothic mode, with striped voussoirs and cream quoins. A rectangular plan window bay is placed on the leading gabled wing.

Rainwater gutters have been replaced; the fence removed and the north gable stuccoed.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - High. Condition - Good.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

The Manse is an integral part of the Church complex and also contributes to the historic character of Melbourne Road. Aesthetically, it directly relates to the roof gables of No. 175, and the verandahed period detail of No. 171-73.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making suburbs, Worshipping

## Physical Description 3

## *Associations*

Presbyterian Church, JM Anderson

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