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Location

242-244 Melbourne Road WILLIAMSTOWN, HOBSONS BAY CITY

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO193

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, front fence and outbuilding, constructed in 1913-14 by Joseph E Murdoch & Sons, at 242-244 Melbourne Road, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house, front fence and outbuilding at 242-244 Melbourne Road, Williamstown are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the house is important for its strong associations with the Murdoch family who were well known early contractors in the area and occupied the house for a long period. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is a near complete, relatively successfully designed timber Queen Anne attic styled house which is an uncommon style in Williamstown and as a timber house of the style, not common in the metropolis. Also a prominent building in the residential streetscape and possesses valuable details including the front fence and an unusual outbuilding. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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

Construction dates 1913,

Hermes Number 15125

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The former Murdoch house is a one-storey weatherboarded and rough-cast stuccoed Queen Anne styled villa with attic rooms facing diagonally across the block to the sea. Typically for its style, it possesses adverse half-timbered gabled bays, facing Yarra Street and Melbourne Roads which flank a central Dutch hipped roof bay and an attached return, timberslatted verandah. Shingle-cladding of the bowed attic balustrade is set against the slated roofing with its terra-cotta ridging and gable finials. At the corner, a three sided window bay is marked by a splay in the verandah.

The presumed original timber picket fence survives at the two frontages. At the rear of the block there is a gabled, but incomplete out-building possessing finely fretted and carved barge boards and finials.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. *Condition* - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

A major corner building, which contributes to the late nineteenth and early twentieth century character of Melbourne Road.

Historical Australian Themes

Making suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Joseph E Murdoch & Sons

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