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## House at 131-137 Nelson Place



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### Location

131-137 Nelson Place WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO215

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The shops and residences, designed by Michael Egan and constructed between 1873 and 1885, at 131-137 Nelson Place, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The shops and residences at 131-37 Nelson Place, Williamstown are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, they illustrate the development of Nelson Place as the main commercial centre of Williamstown during the nineteenth century. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, they are a near original example of an early commercial development, which expresses its sequential development by its unequal facade widths and window groups and also possesses valuable details such as the shopfronts. They are an essential part of the historic Nelson Place streetscape. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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

Architect/Designer Egan, Michael,

Hermes Number 15148

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A two-storeyed stuccoed brick and stone shop and residence quartet, built to the frontage and decorated in a conservative Italian Renaissance revival manner presumably in 1877. Panelled pilasters divide tenancies whilst balustraded parapets, architraved and plastered window groups and strongly expressed, bracketed sill mouldings are used throughout for a unified facade, albeit of three different frontages. Timber shopfronts have generally survived.

The street verandahs have been removed and urns/orbs may have existed on the parapet piers.

## Integrity

External integrity and condition

*Integrity - High. Condition - Good*

## Physical Description 2

Context

A contributory element to the nineteenth century historic character of Nelson Place.

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing local, regional and national economies, Marketing & retailing

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Michael Egan

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