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## Commercial Bank of Australia (Former)



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### Location

145-147 Nelson Place WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO218

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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The former Commercial Bank of Australia, now shops and residences, designed by Michael Egan and constructed in 1869, at 145-147 Nelson Place, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The former Commercial Bank of Australia, now shops and residences at 145-47 Nelson Place, Williamstown are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, they demonstrate the development of Nelson Place during the nineteenth century when it was the major commercial precinct in Williamstown. Number 145 is of particular interest as the premises of the first CBA branch in Williamstown and also as the baker's shop of the locally important Henry Douch. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, they are significant as representative examples of mid-nineteenth century commercial buildings that contribute to the historic character of the Nelson Place precinct. (AHC criterion E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;
Construction dates	1872,
Architect/Designer	Egan, Michael,
Hermes Number	22198
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A superficially dissimilar stuccoed two storey shop and residence pair with common cornice and string moulds, and segment arched and architraved windows but differing in the above cornice parapet decoration. Presumably both looked similar to Nos. 141- 143 until the bank made superficial changes to 145 (after acquiring it c1887) which were matched in a weak form on No. 147. Number 145 has a balustraded and pierced parapet on either side of gabled raised entablature whilst a shallower gable has been grafted onto 147. The grand eight-panel door- pair, set beside the pilaster division, is indicative of its former bank role: most of the timber shopfront survives beside it.

Number 147's shopfront has been replaced, No. 145's altered in detail only; the street verandahs have been removed.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

Contributes to the Nelson Place precinct as part of a group of related two storey Victorian era shops and residences.

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing local, regional and national economies, Marketing & retailing

### Physical Description 3

#### *Associations*

Commercial Bank of Australia, Henry Douch

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