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## Williamstown Chronicle Office (Former)



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### Location

8 Parker Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO243

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former *Williamstown Chronicle* office, designed by JR Jones and constructed in 1890, at 8 Parker Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The former *Williamstown Chronicle* office at 8 Parker Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its associations with the *Williamstown Chronicle*, which was one of the earliest newspapers published in Victoria outside of Melbourne town. It was constructed as the offices of the locally important newspaper company of Neale & Co who remained associated with the business until 1907. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a representative example of an early industrial building, with a substantially intact facade that contributes to the historic nineteenth century character of Parker Street. (AHC criterion E1)

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

Architect/Designer             Jones, JR,

Hermes Number                 22222

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

A parapeted and stuccoed one storey, double-fronted building with Tuscan order trabeation, key-stoned and architraved arched windows and a central door and toplight. Coupled brackets support the main cornice moulding which underscores a panelled minor parapet entablature and a central raised entablature with flanking scrolls: 'The Chronicle established in 1854' is inscribed thereon. Impost moulds, masks to the keystones, slim cap mouldings to the parapet and a six-panel door provide the details.

Generally original (refer photograph, OW-238, WHS) except for signs.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

- *Integrity* - High.

Condition

## Physical Description 2

Context

Semi-isolated building, as a link between the commercial character of Nelson Place and the civic precinct comprised of the churches and post office nearby.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

Unknown

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