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Location

50 Verdon Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO306

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The pair of Norfolk Island pines, established c.1900, at 50 Verdon Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The pair of Norfolk Island pines at 50 Verdon Street, Williamstown are of local historic, aesthetic and scientific (horticultural) significance to the City of Hobson's Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, they are important for their ability to illustrate Victorian era planting schemes. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, they enhance the setting of the associated house and contribute to the historic cultural landscape character of Verdon Street and the Government Survey precinct. (AHC criterion E1)

Scientifically, they are locally rare mature examples of this species in a private garden setting. (AHC criterion B2)

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

Hermes Number 22287

Property Number

Physical Description 1

A pair of mature Norfolk Island pines at the front and side of a Victorian era weatherboard villa. Botanica (1997) provides the following description:

Araucara heterophylla (Norfolk Island pines)

Upright with a regular branching pattern, conical form and fast growing to 100ft (30m) or more, this Norfolk Island endemic is widely planted in subtropical coastal regions. The plants are wind tolerant, retaining their quite vertical and symmetrical habit even in the face of incessant onshore gales, and are able to thrive in deep sand; they need reliable water when young, but can tolerate dry spells once established. It is shade tolerant when young and can be long lasting in pots.

Physical Conditions

Condition

Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

The trees are related to surrounding mature exotic specimens, on both public and private land, and contribute to the historic Victorian and Edwardian era cultural landscape character of the Government Survey precinct.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

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