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## Ferguson Street Residential Precinct



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Heritage Study 2006



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Ferguson St

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### Location

2 Ferguson Street and 4 Ferguson Street WILLIAMSTOWN, HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Not Recommended

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Ferguson Street Maritime Residential Heritage Precinct includes properties at 2 and 4 Ferguson Street, Williamstown.

[NOTE\*] 1 Ferguson Street no longer exists. A search of Council records indicate that it was located to the rear of 3 Ferguson Street and has since been demolished. Given the site no longer exists it should not be listed as contributory.

How is it Significant?

The Ferguson Street Maritime Residential Heritage Precinct is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically and socially, it is significant for its ability to illustrate the early residential development of Ferguson Street before it became the main commercial centre of Williamstown from the late nineteenth century onwards as the town turned inwards and away from Nelson Place and the port as it declined. All of the houses have strong associations with the early maritime history of Williamstown when it was the main port of Melbourne by their early ownership and occupation by people such as James Deane, FW Deane, John Battersby and James Sivies. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, the houses at 2-4 Ferguson Street are significant as a small cohesive Victorian era residential group, which share common characteristics of siting, scale, plan and form as well as uncommon details such as the two storey timber construction of No. 2 and the stone construction of No. 4 that illustrate well the typical early residential character of Ferguson Street. (AHC criterion E1)

On this basis, the following properties contribute to the significance of the precinct:

2 and 4 Ferguson Street

Please note that some heritage places within this precinct may also have an individual citation in this Study. There is a separate citation 'Ferguson Street Civic & Commercial'.

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

Construction dates            1850,

Hermes Number                22435

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This group consists of two houses at the bayside end of Ferguson Street. The houses on the north side of the street are:

- on similar sized blocks backing on to a rear ROW.
- set close to the street.
- one and two storeys in scale.
- have pitched roofs clad with corrugated iron or slate.
- weatherboard or stone clad.
- have early detailing.

## Integrity

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Nos. 2-4 form a cohesive group

## Usage/Former Usage

### Context

The houses form an isolated group within the otherwise commercial development in Ferguson Street, however they are related to nearby maritime villas in The Strand and the Interwar apartments at the corner of Nelson Place.

## Historical Australian Themes

*Principal Australian Historical Theme(s)*

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 2

### *Associations*

James Deane, Francis W Deane, John Battersby, James Sivies, CJ Polain. Refer also to individual citations.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*