

HCV Champion Road Estate Precinct



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Location

Cerberus Crescent and Champion Road (part) and Edina Street and Gem Street and Park Crescent (part)
WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO15

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Housing Commission of Victoria Champion Road Estate Heritage Precinct, which comprises all land in HO15 and generally includes properties bounded by Champion Road, Edina Street and Park Crescent, North Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Housing Commission of Victoria Champion Road Estate Heritage Precinct is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its strong associations with the Housing Commission of Victoria as an early example of a model estate using 'garden city' principles, which illustrates the Housing Commission of Victoria reaction to local criticism of its early slum reclamation activities by the erection of substantial brick houses with integral parkland. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as one of the best preserved early Housing Commission of Victoria estates, which is notable for its strong visual homogeneity that is evocative of the construction period and is derived from the intact standard housing types and the curving street layout around a central park. (AHC criterion B2 and E1)

On this basis, the following places and other elements contribute to the significance of the precinct:

- Cerberus Crescent (odd) 1-31, (even) 2-6
- Champion Road (odd) 63, 65, 71-81
- Edina Street (odd) 1-5 and 27-29 (even) 2-34
- Park Crescent (even) 2-44
- Bluestone and concrete kerb and channeling and concrete road construction.
- Central park and public realm landscaping including mature Ash trees.

Please note that some heritage places within this precinct may also have an individual citation in this Study.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006; |
| Construction dates | 1941, |
| Architect/Designer | Housing Commission of Victoria, |
| Hermes Number | 22443 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

This precinct centres on a reserve bounded by Gem and Edina Streets and Cerberus Crescent, all maritime names. The house are typically single storey attached pairs, with either red and clinker brick (Gem Street, Cerberus Crescent and Park Crescent) or stuccoed concrete walls (Edina Street), with terra-cotta variegated Marseilles pattern roofing tiles. The roads are concrete paved and the kerbs are basalt. Ash trees are planted in the reserve. Privet hedges, some trees (Italian cypress) and low front fences (typically metal post and wire) extend the landscape into each allotment. The estate has a high degree of visual homogeneity.

Integrity

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High

Usage/Former Usage

Context

Set on flat land bounded by other suburban development and the massive Newport railway workshops.

Historical Australian Themes

Principal Australian Historical Theme(s)

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 2

Associations

Housing Commission of Victoria

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