

# Power Street Heritage Precinct



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## Location

Power Street WILLIAMSTOWN, HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Municipality

## HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO26

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Power Street Heritage Precinct, which comprises all land in HO26 and generally includes properties with a frontage or side boundary to Power Street, Williamstown (along the eastern side).

How is it Significant?

The Power Street Heritage Precinct is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, Power Street illustrates the effects of the 1890s Great Depression where many speculative residential estates created in the 1880s near railway lines were left vacant for a generation until the second phase of rapid residential growth that occurred in the City during the Edwardian and Interwar periods following the development of local industries. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a cohesive grouping of representative housing predominantly from the late Victorian & Edwardian eras that is typical of the Private Survey subdivision precinct in Williamstown and Newport. (AHC criterion E1)

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

- Power Street (even only) 2A, 8-28, 32-54, 58, 62, 64, 68, 74-88, 94, 98-104, 110-120 and 128-132.

*Some heritage places within this precinct may also have an individual citation in this Study.*

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

Construction dates 1880,

Hermes Number 22456

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This precinct generally comprises all properties along the east side of Power Street. It is a well-established and very intact nineteenth and early twentieth century residential street that predominantly comprises single-storey Victorian & Edwardian era villas with some inter-war bungalows. There is consistency of setback, siting and scale and many of the dwellings have a high degree of external integrity. Buildings are predominantly weatherboard with hip and gable roof forms.

Bluestone kerbing and guttering and gravel verges have been replaced by concrete and a sealed road reserve.

The Monterey cypress row on the west side of the street (probable inter-war planting) has been depleted by recent mock-period housing development on the former railway reserve. These trees are unlikely to have been linked with the main development era of the street (Edwardian-era).

## Integrity

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The integrity of the housing on the east side is moderate to high with few non-contributory places. The construction of mock period housing on the west side has removed the distinctive outlook to an open reserve and visual connection to the railway and the railway workshops, where many early residents were employed.

## Usage/Former Usage

Context

Power Street forms part of the western boundary of the Private Survey precinct. The mix of Victorian and Interwar development is typical of streets within this precinct.

## Historical Australian Themes

*Principal Australian Historical Theme(s)*

Making Suburbs

*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/>*