

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**Spottiswoode Hotel**

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**Location:**

62 Hudsons Road SPOTSWOOD, Hobsons Bay City

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Contributory

**Heritage Overlay Number:** HO154

**Listing Authority:** Hobsons Bay City

**Statement of Significance:**

What is Significant?

The Spottiswoode Hotel, designed by Frederick Woolf and constructed in 1888, at 62 Hudsons Road, Spotswood.

How is it Significant?

The Spottiswoode Hotel is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the oldest hotel in Spotswood, which demonstrates the first phase of development associated with the establishment of the first major industries during the late nineteenth century. It is also significant for its association with Spottiswoode (or Spotswood) family whose name is well known within the region and remembered in the name of this suburb. (AHC criteria A4 and H1)

Socially, it is significant as a landmark quasi-public building in the area, which remained without a domestic context for many years, serving instead local factory complexes and is well known within the community. (AHC criterion G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a well preserved if austere example of the Italian Renaissance Revival style, often associated with hotels built near railway stations. (AHC criterion E1)

## Description

This is a cemented two storey Italian Renaissance Revival hotel design sited on a corner close to the Spotswood Railway Station and the site of early industrial complexes like Robinson's and the bottle works. It compares with the similar designs in the east, west and northern inner suburbs by the architect, William Woolf, but is more austere. Only the openings and parapet are ornamented, leaving the balance of the facade without trabeation or further embellishment - contrasting with the ornate designs by Wolf.

### External Condition

Good

### External Integrity

High

### Context

Contributory part of the historic Spotswood precinct, being close to the railway station and a distinctively early element in the surrounding residential area.

### Lodging people

### Associations

George Spottiswoode, Castlemaine Brewery Ltd

Heritage Study / Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006
Construction Date Range	- 1888
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	HOBSONS BAY CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	15086
Property number	

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