Location:
14 Kanowna Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Contributory

Heritage Overlay Number: HO162
Listing Authority: Hobsons Bay City

Precinct:
Government Survey Heritage Precinct

Statement of Significance:
What is Significant?
The Britannia Hotel, constructed c.1910, at 14 Kanowna Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?
The Britannia Hotel is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?
Historically, it is significant as one of a number of surviving corner hotels situated in proximity to the port of Williamstown and illustrates the improvements that were made in response to the License Reduction Board in 1907. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a representative and externally intact example of a Federation hotel that contributes to the historic character of the Government Survey precinct as one of a number of corner hotels within this area. (AHC criterion E1)

Description

The former Britannia Hotel is a two-storey, rendered brick building in the Free Classical style with a distinctive splayed corner at the intersection of Aitken and Kanowna Streets. Its roof is concealed behind a parapet. Other significant or original elements include:

- Rusticated piers at ground floor level
- Bracketed cornice at first floor level
- Double-hung sash windows with multi-pane upper sashes
- Elliptical arched windows at ground floor (boarded over), leadlight possibly intact
- Projecting concrete hoods over entrance doors
- Brick voussoirs over windows (painted)
- 1950-60s advertising signage for liquor still extant

Context

An isolated building surrounded by unrelated industrial development. One of a number of early corner hotels in this area.

Lodging People

Integrity: External Integrity and condition
Integrity - High. Condition - Good.
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