

Victorian Heritage Database Report
Williamstown Tennis Club Pavilion

**Location:**

73 Morris Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO206

Listing Authority: Hobsons Bay City

Precinct:

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Statement of Significance:

What is Significant?

The Williamstown Tennis Club pavilion, designed by Morsby & Coates and constructed in 1928, situated within the foreshore reserve at 73 Morris Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Williamstown Tennis Club pavilion is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically and socially, it demonstrates the increasing popularity of tennis in Williamstown during the Interwar years. (AHC criteria A4 and D2)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a locally superior and intact (both internally and externally) example of an Interwar sporting pavilion, which is notable for its unique design in an eclectic style. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

Description

The Williamstown Lawn Tennis Club pavilion is a symmetrical building with a large hipped tiled roof and semi-recessed central entrance verandah, surmounted by a large compressed twin gable. An eclectic design, it combines unrelated elements such as the English Domestic Revival twin-peaked gable and tall verandah post with elongated Edwardian brackets with horizontal 'Moderne' grouped windows.

The interior (not fully intact) has a central clubroom with half timbered ceiling, dark stained woodwork and grouped glazed entrance doors to the verandah, all repeated in the later Croquet Club. The social basis of 1920s suburban tennis is portrayed in the rooms on each side of the clubroom with interior change rooms and toilet facilities for each sex of equal size. The interior lockers, kitchen servery window, door handles and obscure glass are identical to those in the Croquet Pavilion.

Context

Situated within foreshore parkland adjacent to the Williamstown Football Oval.

Making Suburbs

Associations

City of Williamstown, Morsby & Coates, Williamstown Lawn Tennis Club.

Integrity: Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. Condition - Good.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	HOBSONS BAY CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	15140
Property number	

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