

Victorian Heritage Database Report

# Fishing Village Heritage Precinct

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**Location:**

end Maddox Road WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Not Recommended

**Precinct:**

Fishing Village Heritage Precinct

**Statement of Significance:**

What is Significant?

The Fishing Village heritage precinct, established between 1920-50, along the foreshore at the end of Maddox Road, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Fishing Village heritage precinct at the end of Maddox Road, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Williamstown.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the precinct is significant as a setting for recreational activity in the form of anglers clubs who have been on the site over a long period. The grouping of structures is unusual in terms of its informal tenure, evolution, and relatively remote waterside location for the metropolitan area. The former farm house, which is one of the major structures in the group, and is locally significant for its representation of an early farm house surviving within a rural setting relatively close to the city centre. (AHC criteria A4 and B2)

Aesthetically, the two Canary Island palms are significant for providing a mature introduced landscape, which complements the setting of the cottages. (AHC criterion E1)

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

## Description

This fishing village comprises a series of informal structures at the south end of Maddox Road on the banks of Kororoit Creek and grouped along an unformed dirt track parallel with the creek.

Starting at the western end of the complex and facing the JT Gray Reserve Access Road, in order east to west:

- (25) Kororoit Creek Angling Club. This building is flat roofed part weatherboard clad, extended over many periods, has a feature brick chimney with the club emblem thereon
- (24) Flat roof corrugated iron clad shed.
- 23 Gabled Myer garage type crimped metal clad shed, called Club 23.
- 21 Recently built Colorbond crimped metal clad shed.
- (20?) Vertical corrugated iron clad shed, earlier vintage, possibly inter-war.
- 17 Vertical boarded and corrugated iron clad shack
- 15? Vertical corrugated iron clad shed
- ? crimped metal clad prefabricated garage type shed
- flat roofed corrugated iron clad (vertical) shed
- Access way to jetties along creek with numerous boats etc
- Gabled corrugated iron clad silver coloured shed
- Similar shed, but set-back from track
- Similar shallow gabled roof form, set back
- 10 Recently built galvanised corrugated iron clad garage type
- 9 Vertical corrugated iron clad gabled shed, earlier than most
- 8 Asbestos cement clad cottage with recent bluestone chimney and mature Monterey cypress at the front
- 7 vertical corrugated iron clad, gabled possibly 1950s
- Brunswick City Anglers Club (meetings first Tuesday every month) - large
- Castlemaine slate and brick clad building, with two large Canary Island date palms, two colours of brick (cream brick next to river) in walls indicate stages, as does sawtooth profile roof.
- Cement sheet clad inter-war building.
- 1-2? Corrugated iron clad gabled building linked with cement sheet wing, with fish motif at front;

Maddox Road

- 140 Maddox Road called 'The Shack'.

- 138 double fronted weatherboard house with corrugated iron clad hipped roof, red brick corbelled chimney, new verandah on north side and timber framed windows typical of period c1920-30, a mailbox has 17 on it.

- 142 VDAC long gabled weatherboard house, c1920 with new garage and sheds at the rear, being the easternmost building of the group.

The character of the group is typically ad-hoc beach shack construction with the exception of 138 and part of 142, being the early core of the place, and possibly two altered inter-war boat sheds with some mature planting like the Canary Island palms.

The later substantial club rooms such as the BCAC and KCAC dominate. These buildings are representative of post WW2 recreational activity but have been altered since then, providing a diluted expression of this period. The few inter-war boat sheds have also been altered. Only the former farm house suggests a specific period and its former use is reinforced by the rural setting.

#### Associations

Williamstown City Council

Integrity: External Condition

Varies

External Integrity

Moderate to Low

Physical Conditions: External Condition

Varies

Usage/Former Usage: Context

Set in open coastal landscape, next to the creek and reserves.

Integrity: Principal Australian Historical Theme(s)

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Heritage Study / Consultant	Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006
Construction Date Range	1920 - 1950
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	HOBSONS BAY CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	22436
Property number	

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