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Location

62 Electra Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO101

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed c.1856-58, at 62 Electra Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 62 Electra Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as one of a small number of surviving pre-1860 dwellings in Williamstown and demonstrates the early development associated with the port by its associations with the original owner, Alfred Branford. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as an early example of a two-storey house built in a relatively uncommon material (basalt). It makes an important contribution to the historic character of Electra Street. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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

Construction dates 1856,

Hermes Number 15031

Property Number

Physical Description 1

A two-storey, hip roofed house of quoined, quarry faced basalt masonry, symmetrical fenestration and a four-panel front door with top and side lights. Twin chimneys with slim cornice moulds are symmetrically placed within the roof-shape.

The front door has been replaced, a modern interpretive two-level verandah has been added to the front (Early plans indicated two bay windows with a small porch between), and attic rooms added to the roof (reputedly based on early photographs), which has been tiled. The original fence (presumed spade or arrow-head picket) has been replaced with an Edwardian-era reproduction picket fence.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

One of a group of early Victorian and Edwardian period houses which share roof forms, materials, siting and period detail.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Alfred George Branford, Mrs. Pontin, LH Le Plastrier

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