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### Location

11 James Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO156

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed in 1858-59, at 11 James Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 11 James Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is linked with the pilot, O'Neil, hence the house takes on indirect associations with Williamstown's prominence as Victoria's main port in this period. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Aesthetically, it is typical of early Victorian period houses in Williamstown with the characteristic early form and use of the local wall material but further distinguished by its fine verandah detailing and is a key element in a generally early residential streetscape. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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

Construction dates 1858,

Hermes Number 15088

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The random basalt masonry, a simple hipped and slated roof and the double-fronted symmetry of this house are relatively common in Williamstown, however, the concave-roofed verandah, its fine timber arches and panelled supports are uncommon on a state-wide basis. Six pane window sashes, ogee spouting and a four panel door are less spectacular but contemporary aspects of the house.

The verandah tracery frieze has been removed and a new picket fence has replaced an earlier square top picket fence identified by the 1986 Study, which may have been a modified version of the original.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good*

## Physical Description 2

Context

One of two early basalt houses in this street and contributes to the historic nineteenth century character of James Street.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

William Henry O'Neil, James Moxham

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