
North Williamstown Railway Station



North Williamstown Railway
Station, Hobsons Bay
Heritage Study 2006

Location

Power Street WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO258

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The North Williamstown Railway Station, designed by the Victorian Railways and constructed by FE Shillabeer in 1912, at Power Street, North Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The North Williamstown Railway Station is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as a contributory place within the important Melbourne-Williamstown railway precinct and provides evidence of a significant upgrade in the Edwardian-era, which parallels with the residential and commercial development nearby. It contributes to the knowledge of how the railway system functioned when it was rebuilt early this century. (AHC criteria A4 and B2)

Socially, it is significant as a well-known public building used over an extended period and thus a familiar landmark to many in the community (AHC criterion G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a good example of a well-preserved architect designed Edwardian-domestic style station building, which contributes to the historic character of the Williamstown line. It is also related to other historic landmark buildings in this location including the Interwar Rifle Range Hotel, Owens Buildings and the Bristol Hotel. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006; |
| Architect/Designer | Victorian Railways, |
| Hermes Number | 22238 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

As with Newport, twin red brick and stucco Edwardian-era station buildings face each other across the tracks, fronting onto asphalt paved platforms. However the Edwardian Baroque ox-bow motif seen at Spotswood is disbanded here in favour of expressed gabled Marseilles pattern terra-cotta clad roofs. This, as with Newport, provides a domestic character to the complex. The entry to the west building has a slatted frieze not unlike Edwardian-era houses in the area, the roof is corrugated iron clad. Colours are related to the era. The cantilevering canopies are supported on openweb steel or iron portal frames, have scalloped ripple iron front valences, with straight profiles at each end. The coping and base wall of the platform is stone. As with Newport there is a row of pepper trees on the east side and other related shrub planting on the west side facing Kororoit Creek Road.

Integrity

External Condition

Good

External Integrity

Moderate, such as the blocked and altered windows.

Physical Description 2

Context

Contributory part of Melbourne - Williamstown - Geelong Railway precinct, close to the vast Newport railway workshops and opposite the Rifle Club Hotel..

Historical Australian Themes

Moving Goods and People, Railways

Physical Description 3

Associations

Victorian Government, Victorian Railways

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