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## Former Morgue



B1628 Former Morgue

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### Location

8 Ann Street, WILLIAMSTOWN VIC 3016 - Property No B1628

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

State

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1512

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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The former Williamstown Morgue is a bluestone structure first erected in 1859 near the Gem Pier and moved twice subsequently, latterly in 1873 to its present site. Single-storied, the morgue is constructed of random coursed masonry and has a hipped corrugated iron roof, originally clad in slate. The arched entrance has rusticated voussoirs, prominent key-stone and a stone lintel.

The former Morgue is an early structure important architecturally but more especially for its role in the history of the historic port of Williamstown. This structure is believed to be the first morgue erected in Victoria. The former morgue is a unique reminder of the era when Williamstown was a thriving port town, from almost the earliest

years of settlement in Victoria. Architecturally the simple Georgian style structure is an unique example of a morgue.

Former Morgue is located in the depot of the Ports and Harbours Department and has been variously used, mostly as a store.

Classified: 22/12/1966

Hermes Number 65762

Property Number

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