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## Bluestone House, 25 Albert Street



25 Albert Street, Hobsons Bay Heritage Study 2006

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### Location

25 Albert Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO39

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed in 1865, at the rear of 32 Queen Street (25 Albert Street), Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at the rear of 32 Queen 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 the oldest houses within the Private Survey area to the north of Ferguson Street and is important for its ability to demonstrate the early speculative subdivision that occurred in this area, as well as the early basalt quarrying industry. It is also of interest for its association over a long period with the locally known Lafferty family. (AHC criteria A4, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a relatively rare example of a generally original mid-Victorian period cottage constructed of basalt, which exemplifies the skills associated with it (i.e. quarryman) as well as a relatively uncommon roof form with the chimneys placed at the gable apices. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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## Physical Description 1

The house at the rear of 32 Queen Street (Note: The cottage actually faces Albert Street), Williamstown is a double fronted, transverse gabled, basalt coursed rubble cottage, with quarry-quoins at corners and openings. Sited close to Albert Street, two pane, double hung sash windows and a four panel door, with a three light top light, comprise the openings. Basalt masonry chimneys, each with a projecting string-course, are placed at the gable apices whilst an arrow head compatible picket fence at the front boundary encloses a small front garden containing compatible planting.

## Integrity

External Integrity

*Integrity - High. Condition - Good.*

## Physical Description 2

Context

The house is an isolated example of an early basalt cottage, which is surrounded by later development.

## Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

John Lafferty, Miss Ryan, William Lafferty

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