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## Telegraph Hotel (Former)



Telegraph Hotel (Former),  
Hobsons Bay Heritage Study  
2006

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### Location

17 Ann Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO43

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Telegraph Hotel (Former), constructed in 1862, at 17 Ann Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The Telegraph Hotel (Former) is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

#### Why is it Significant?

Historically and socially, it is significant as an early hotel and is representative of the development associated with the Port of Williamstown during its most prosperous period in the mid to late nineteenth century. It demonstrates how hotels were established in proximity to the commercially important waterfront and is also of interest for its associations with William Knight. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a traditional early hotel in both form and siting, which has been altered in detail only and occupies a prominent corner site near the Williamstown waterfront. (AHC criterion E1)

Socially, it is significant for its strong associations with the local community as a social centre and meeting place for local organizations over a long period and demonstrates the importance of hotels in the early development of port communities like Williamstown. (AHC criterion G1)

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## Physical Description 1

The Telegraph Hotel (Former) is a two and one storeyed stuccoed (over stone) building with slated and iron hipped roof forms, which are placed on a three-bay, splay-cornered, L-shape plan. The corner bay possesses symmetrically placed fenestration to the north facade and a single upper window to the Aitken Street elevation; the splay between possessing a lower doorway and a blind upper window. A string mould divides the storeys of this and the lower two-storey bay to the south; the southern most bay being one storey with a roof gable end, transverse to the street.

New compatible window joinery has replaced the presumed six-pane double-hung sashes and the corner entrance appears to have been widened and a new non-compatible domestic type doorway installed. A large atypical but 'period' flavoured sign has been painted on the west elevation; the paint scheme is compatible.

## Integrity

External Integrity and condition

*Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good*

## Physical Description 2

Context

The Telegraph is one of a number of early corner hotels situated throughout the Government Survey precinct.

## Historical Australian Themes

Developing local, regional and national economies, Lodging People

## Physical Description 3

## *Associations*

William Ford Knight, Charles & Margaret Hunt

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