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### Location

15 Elizabeth Street NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

### Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO104

### Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The quarryman's house, constructed by Stephen and George Willis in 1916, at 15 Elizabeth Street, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The quarryman's house at 15 Elizabeth Street, Newport 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 few surviving houses in the Newport area that have strong associations with quarrying, which was an important early industry for this part of the municipality as well as the western region. This association is demonstrated both by its method of construction as well as its proximity to a former major quarry, now Newport Lakes. It is also significant for its associations with the locally prominent Willis contracting firm (AHC criterion A4, B2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a rare example within the Newport area of a basalt house, which is notable for its recognisably early form (although of a later date of construction than other examples) and other detailing. (AHC criteria B2 and E1)

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

Other Names Quarryman's House,

Hermes Number 15034

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This is a double fronted bluestone (coursed rubble) house, with double-hung timber sash windows either side of a four-panel door. The hipped roof has been tiled recently but the red brick corbelled chimney concurs with the character of the house. The timber picket fence in the front of the house is not original, but is related to the construction period.

The house pair, built by the two brothers, complement each other and are highly expressive of the period and nature of their work.

## Integrity

External Condition

Good

External Integrity

Moderate

## Physical Description 2

Context

One of two adjacent stone houses, which are situated in an otherwise Edwardian and inter-war residential precinct (Newport Residential - q.v.), the stone construction contrasting with the weatherboard construction of other houses.

## Historical Australian Themes

## Physical Description 3

### *Associations*

Stephen Willis, George Willis

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