
Spotswood Railway Signal Box



Spotswood Railway Signal Box, Hobsons Bay Heritage Study 2006

Location

Junction of Hall Street and Hope Street and Hudson Road SPOTSWOOD, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO135

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Spotswood Railway Signal Box, designed by the Victorian Railways and constructed by FE Shillabeer in 1912, at the junction of Hall and Hope Streets and Hudson Road, Spotswood.

How is it Significant?

The Spotswood Railway Signal Box is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the only early signal box remaining on this section of the Williamstown line and it illustrates the technological changes to the railway system when it was rebuilt early this century during a period of great industrial residential and commercial expansion in the municipality and region. It also provides evidence of the role of Spotswood as a key junction where branch lines to the nearby industrial areas and wharves connected to the main railway. It also has associations with the important railway-engineering firm of McKenzie & Holland, whose factory was located nearby in South Kingsville. (AHC criterion A4, B2, D2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as an important contributory element to the Spotswood Station complex, which is related to the other buildings and is a minor landmark within the Spotswood area. (AHC criteria E1)

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Hermes Number 15068

Property Number

Physical Description 1

A quaint weatherboard and gabled signal box with gabled entry porch, elevated to a two storey equivalent height, with window strips on the upper level. The roof gables have decorative trusses and tall finials (restored?) and the roof is clad with corrugated iron. It is sited at the Hudson Road crossing.

Integrity

External Condition

good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

External Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

Physical Description 2

Context

An integral part of the Spotswood Railway complex, on a prominent site, north of the station, diagonally opposite the Spottiswoode Hotel and the Spotswood commercial centre.

Historical Australian Themes

Moving goods and people

Physical Description 3

Associations

Victorian Railways, McKenzie & Holland

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