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Location

22 James Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO157

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed by George Hunt in 1859, at 22 James Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 22 James 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 a small number of pre-1860 dwellings in Williamstown, which demonstrate the early development of the city. As the basalt home of a stonecutter, it is also significant for its strong associations with the early stone and quarrying industry, which thrived in Williamstown during the nineteenth century. (AHC criteria A4, B2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a superior example of an early simple symmetrical Victorian villa, which is notable for its dressed basalt masonry construction that demonstrates the skill of its original owner and presumed builder. It is an important element in the historic streetscape of James Street. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

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Hermes Number 15089

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This is a double-fronted symmetrical Victorian villa with a simple hip roof, which is distinguished by the use of stone masonry rather than rubble and dressed architraves around openings, hence expressing the trade of its original owner. There are two stone chimneys in the side walls and a third at the rear.

Encaustic tiles (A later addition?) are used on the verandah and the verandah itself appears to have been reconstructed (evidence for reconstruction not sighted), albeit in a typical form for the house's period. The front picket fence is not original, but is related to the period of the house. Other external changes are minor and include the painting of the stone on the chimney and side walls.

Integrity

External Integrity and condition

Integrity - High. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

One of two early basalt cottages in this street and contributes to the historic nineteenth century character of James Street.

Historical Australian Themes

Making suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

George Hunt, Thomas Linton.

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