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Location

13 Thompson St HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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SIGNIFICANCE: »Key building in the Police complex. Complements the neighbouring State Public Offices.

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This building has regional significance as an important component of the Hamilton police complex and for its historical associations with the district's police establishment which pre dated the 1850 plan for a Grange township (the earlier name for Hamilton). As early as November 1840 La Trobe recommended the appointment of a district Police Magistrate supported by police constables based on the Grange. ([i])

The site of the police station in Thompson Street is of considerable archaeological significance as it was the location in the 1840s of a hut erected for the Police Magistrate with barracks for a detachment of mounted police. ([ii]) The police station which was replaced by the existing was built for the Public Works Department in 1878 by J A Wood for 428 pounds and nineteen shillings. ([iii]) The present building dates from either in the late 1940s or the early 1950s and may have been designed by Percy Everett who was the chief architect of the PWD. It is a typical design for the time using conventional cream bricks, timber windows, terra cotta tiles and a traditionalism notwithstanding its attempt to be modern. It is significantly intact and is in excellent condition.

Also part of the significance is the old red brick building, apparently a former lock-up adjacent to the Police Station.

[i] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 18.

[ii] Ibid.

[iii] *Argus*, 7 September 1878, 10 September 1878.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1956,
Architect/Designer	Everett, Percy,
Hermes Number	26491
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »glazed terra cotta tiles

Walls: »cream brick

Dressings: »painted cement render

Plinth: »cream brick

Windows: »timber double hung sash

Paving: »concrete

Other: »concrete steps

tubular steel railings

wrought iron balustrade

Historical Australian Themes

Exploration and early settlement:

Government institutions: Police

Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

Physical Conditions

CONDITION: G

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