

Walter House



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Location

169 Gray St and 101-103 Brown 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: Keystone building on corner. Represents the major development in Gray Street in the 1950s.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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169 Gray Street

This building was constructed in 1954 or earlier with substantial additions made c1958. ([i]) Fabric from the bank

building previously on the site was incorporated into the present structure. It has local significance as a key building on the corner of Gray and Brown Streets and for its architectural interest as an example of the work of the architects, Walter & Auty, of Walter House, Warrnambool ([ii]) and for its innovative use of aluminium sheeting and the steel flagpole. These architects also designed the Eventide Lutheran Homes in Hamilton (1962-65). ([iii]) Walter House has historical associations with its owner in the 1950s, H Walter, who is quite likely the H F Walter, grain store proprietor, leading citizen and mayor, referred to in Don Garden's *Hamilton: A Western District History*. ([iv]) The Union Bank was formerly on this site. The existing building has been altered on the ground floor but survives substantially intact and in good condition.

[i] HSA DP No. 3 (1954, 1958). Additions shown in 1958 plan.

[ii] Ibid.

[iii] *Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Eventide Lutheran Homes, Hamilton 1962-1987*, Glenelg Regional Library, p 9.

[iv] Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 215.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1954, 1958,
Architect/Designer	Walter, WJT,
Hermes Number	26508
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Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: tray decking

Walls: tiled brick

Dressings: tiles

Plinth: rockface bluestone

Windows: timber casement

Paving:

Other: aluminium sheeting

NOTABLE FEATURES: use of aluminium sheeting. Steel flagpole

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1950s, 1960s

Tertiary Industry: grainstores

Notable Men and Women: H F Walter

Integrity

Integrity: G

Physical Conditions

Conditions: G

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