
Robsons Pharmacy



26560 Robsons Pharmacy

Location

160 Gray 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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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Robson's Pharmacy

158 Gray Street

This building has local significance for its architectural interest as a chemist's shop in the Moderne style, and for its historical associations with a profession which played a key role in the early history of the Hamilton township. ([i]) An earlier chemist's shop, George Gill's pharmacy, survives at 152 Gray Street. ([ii]) Robson's Pharmacy, which dates from the late 1930s, was owned in 1938 by R Camp as agent for the Union Trustee Co of Australia. ([iii]) The building is another in the large number built in Hamilton between the wars and, while there is no evidence that it was the design of Seabrooke and Fildes, architects who designed so many buildings in Hamilton

at that time, it could well be attributed to them on stylistic grounds. ([iv]) More certain is that it was built by Reg Williams who was very active then.

The building complements the other interwar development in Gray Street. It has new shop fronts but is otherwise intact. It is in good condition and contributes substantially to the streetscape.

[i] Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, passim.

[ii] *Hamilton Rate Book 1875*, No. 114 (Edward Howard Jackson, chemist, brick shop, NAV 30 pounds); 1904, No. 164 (George Gill, chemist, shop, NAV 30 pounds).

[iii] *HSA DP* No. 225-6.

[iv] The use of the zig-zag bricks and title panel mitigate against such an attribution.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1938,
Hermes Number	26560
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron

Walls: cream brick

Dressings: magnesium brick

Plinth: magnesium brick & cement render

Windows: steel

Paving:

Other: pressed metal fascia &

soffit of cantilever

verandah

NOTABLE FEATURES:Combination of cream and magnesium brick and steel windows.

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1930s

Tertiary Industry: Pharmacy

Health: Chemists

Professions: Chemists

Integrity

Integrity: G

Physical Conditions

Conditions: G

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