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# Permewan Wright Sheds



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## Location

Mt Napier Road HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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**SIGNIFICANCE:** »One of the few remaining industrial buildings and a key element in the railway complex.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Permewan Wright Cargo sheds are of local historic and architectural significance as an example of a functional and industrial building. The sheds appear to have been built after 1913 when the land was reserved for the Victorian Railways Commissioners. They stored goods arriving by rail for retail distribution and were closely connected with the department stores and emporia in Gray Street. The carrier firm Permewan and Wright & Co

dates from 1876 with its origins even earlier in Ballarat where its founder, John Permewan lived. ([i]) By 1888 the firm had a network of 48 branches in Victoria and New South Wales with agencies at almost every railway station. These sheds are an integral part of the railway yard complex and now represent a past way of life having made way for road transport and containerisation. Their design is uncompromisingly utilitarian and devoid of any ornament.

The building remains significantly intact and in fair condition. It is a dominating element in the railway yards complex.

[i] `John Permewan', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Vol 5, p 432.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1913,
Hermes Number	26678
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### MATERIALS:

**Roof:** »corrugated iron

**Walls:** »corrugated iron

**Dressings:** »none

**Plinth:** »timber stumps

**Windows:** »none

**Paving:** »none

**Other:** »timber louvred vents timber plank doors

## Physical Description 2

**NOTABLE FEATURES:**» series of gable ends and standardised form of construction

## Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

CONDITION: E

## Historical Australian Themes

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Tertiary Industry: Carriers & grocers

Transport: Railways

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