
Mimi's Restaurant



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Location

56 Thompson Street 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: One of the few townhouses built in Hamilton and important as an element in the streetscape.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This townhouse is of local significance for its architecture and its historical associations. It was built on land first sold by the Crown at auction in 1852 to a J Hutchison. (i) This was probably John Hutcheson (c1819-70) who, with his brother George, was an early miller in Hamilton. (ii) The house, built in the 1870s or earlier, may have been the Hutchesons' home although they held other, rural property. The townhouse is modest in scale and in the Conservative Classical style. It can be compared with Roxburgh House, 64 Thompson Street which was the home of a doctor. It is unusual for being built up to the property boundary with a front door that opens onto the

footpath and an eaves line which overhangs it. The building was extended early in its history at the side in rockface bluestone. By the early twentieth century it had been converted into the offices of Messrs B Lee Archer & Co by which time it had been extended at the rear. (iii) Now it operates as a restaurant. Like several of its neighbours it represents the expansion of the Gray Street commercial area into surrounding streets. The building is substantially intact and is in good condition. It is an important element within the streetscape, especially with its neighbour at 58-60 Thompson Street and in contrast to Roxburgh House.

FOOTNOTES

i *Township of Hamilton Parish Plan*. No other spelling mistakes have been found in the Parish Plan but the authors are confident that this is John Hutcheson. Alternatively the difference in spelling may be Garden's.

ii Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 48-49.

iii *HSA DP* No 261, dated 1938.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1870, 1938, 1957, 1989,
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Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron

Walls: rendered bluestone

Dressings: vermiculated bluestone

Plinth: blustone

Windows: timber dhs

Paving: none

Other: timber architraves around windows

NOTABLE FEATURES: built on property line

LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE: 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||

STYLE: Conservative Classical

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1870s

Secondary Industry: Flour milling

Integrity

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Physical Conditions

Condition: G

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