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# Ansett's First Hangar



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## Location

Ballarat 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:** »Reg Ansett's first hangar, the practical start of Ansett Airways. It is now an important contributor to the streetscape of the highway.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ansett's First Hangar

Ballarat Road

This aircraft hangar has local significance as the first of Reginald (later Sir Reginald) Ansett (1909-1981), who played a major role in Hamilton's development as a regional centre by his establishment in the 1930s of a network of transport services based in the town. Ansett was also largely responsible for Hamilton becoming a

major aviation centre. He arrived in Hamilton in 1931 and by 1936 the Ansett Motors and Airways company had been established, becoming a public company by 1937. ([i]) The building was originally located at the airfield which became Pedrina Park. The first Ansett Airways flight to Melbourne took place 17 February 1936. ([ii]) The hangar was relocated to its present site and opened as a museum in February 1991.

While the relocation has somewhat compromised the hangar's significance, the building is significantly intact and in excellent condition. It is now an important contributor to the streetscape of the highway.

[i] Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 208-213.

[ii] Ibid.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1936, 1991,
Hermes Number	26654
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### MATERIALS:

**Roof:** »corrugated iron

**Walls:** »corrugated iron

**Dressings:** »none

**Plinth:** »none

**Windows:** »none

**Paving:** »concrete

**Other:** »steel framing

## Historical Australian Themes

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Transport: Motors & Aviation

Sport & Recreation: Museums

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