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# Hamilton Court House



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## Location

15 Martin Street 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:** »Key building in the administrative complex, the court house represents authority through its architecture and location near the police buildings.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This building, which replaced an earlier building on the site, ([i]) and was constructed by the Public Works Department in 1882-83, ([ii]) has regional significance as a key building in the administrative complex and for its

architectural interest as one of the larger Western District Court Houses. With its picturesque massing and arcaded porch, the Hamilton Court House is comparable in style to the Maryborough and Castlemaine Court Houses (1877), designed by the office of John H Marsden, the PWD architect in charge of the Western District. Marsden's office also produced the Carlton Court House (with S E Bindley) in 1887, and, also with Bindley, the Dunolly, Collingwood and Elsternwick Post Offices (1890). The elaborate Geelong Post Office, also of 1890, was probably designed by J H Brabin. ([iii]) The building remains significantly intact and in excellent condition.

[i] *Hamilton Police and Court House Reserve*, surveyed by N Thornley, 21 November 1872, RS 359.

[ii] *Argus*, 6 May 1882 (tender notice), 28 July 1882 (alterations and additions); Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 117 (major extensions).

[iii] Trethowan, Bruce, 'The Public Works Department of Victoria 1851-1900', Research Report, University of Melbourne, 1975, pp 104-6.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1882, 1882, 1883,
Hermes Number	24313
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### **MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** »corrugated iron

**Walls:** »rendered brick

**Dressings:** »cement render

**Plinth:** »cement render

**Windows:** »timber double hung sash

**Paving:** »asphalt/concrete

**Other:** »

## Physical Description 2

**NOTABLE FEATURES:**»picturesque massing and arcaded porch

## Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

CONDITION: E

## Historical Australian Themes

Evolution of the Town: 1880s

Government institutions: Law

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