# **Dempsters**



26506 Dempsters

#### Location

222-228 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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**SIGNIFICANCE:** Excellent integrity including the interiors, the building complements the others built in Gray Street in the 1930s.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dempster's

222-228 Gray Street

This building was constructed in 1939 or earlier. ([i]) It has local significance for the architectural interest of its significantly intact shopfronts and interiors and for its historical associations with Mr J A Dempster, storekeeper. ([ii]) It is quite likely that he was related to Mr E C Dempster, pharmacist and Hamilton Mayor. ([iii]) There were

additions made to Dempster's Store in 1958. It is now vacant but retains its integrity and is in good condition. The architect is not known and was probably not Seabrook and Fildes but the shops were probably built by Reg Williams who was a prolific builder at the time. The shops complement the many other buildings constructed in the commercial part of Gray Street between the wars.

[i] HSA DP No. 163-165. House connection for J A Dempster, 24 February 1939.

[ii] Ibid.

[iii] Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 241, 243. They may have been father and son.

Heritage Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with

Study/Consultant Carlotta Kellaway & Dichael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;

Construction dates 1939, 1958,

Architect/Designer Seabrook & Designer Seabroo

Hermes Number 26506

**Property Number** 

#### **Physical Description 1**

#### **MATERIALS:**

Roof: corr'ed iron Walls: brick Dressings:

Plinth: blue glazed tiles
Windows: nickle plate glass
Paving: painted concrete
Other: pressed glass clerestory
pressed metal soffits and

parapet to entry

**NOTABLE FEATURES:** interiors

#### **Historical Australian Themes**

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1930s, 1950s

## Integrity

Integrity: E Conditions: E

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