
Masonic Temple



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Location

112 Lonsdale 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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This building has regional significance for its architectural interest and for its historical associations with Hamilton's Freemasons, a powerful local group as in most Victorian country towns, - particularly with the facade's designer in 1915, local architect and Worshipful Brother in the Masonic Fraternity, Frank Hammond. ((i))

Hammond (1858-1932) was also Hamilton's Town Clerk from 1887 to 1890 and again from 1902 to 1923 and Town Engineer from 1902 to 1927. He designed many important Hamilton buildings including the 'fever ward' at the Hamilton Hospital, with Butler in 1897, Samuel H Palmer's splendid residence at 4 McIntyre Street (1901) and 1903 additions to the Mechanics' Institute at 47 Gray Street. Hammond was responsible also for a detailed beautification scheme relating to the conversion of Market Square into Melville Park completed in September 1909. ([ii])

The choice of a classical style was mandatory for Hammond as the architectural expression of the principles of the Masons. The use of skulls in the frieze and other overdrawn if not Mannerist classical detailing is notable but overall the design is old-fashioned which is typical for the architect. The building is significantly intact and in good condition. It is a key surviving building in this streetscape.

[i] Masonic Temple foundation stone.

[ii] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 123, 126, 138 & 181; *Hamilton Spectator*, 29 March 1932 (obituary); *Australian Architectural Index* (various tender notices).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1915,
Hermes Number	26583
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »corrugated iron

Walls: »rendered brick

Dressings: »cement render

Plinth: »cement render

Windows: »timber dhs

Paving: »concrete

Other: »plain brick side walls

NOTABLE FEATURES:»Use of skulls in frieze and overdrawn if not Mannerist classical detailing.

Integrity

INTEGRITY:E

CONDITION:G

Historical Australian Themes

Evolution Of The Town: 1900s

Professions: Architects

Clubs & Lodges: Masonic Lodge

Sport & Recreation: Cultural

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