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# Toyworld



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## Location

128 Thompson 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:** »One of the more intact shops in what was originally the heart of the business street of Hamilton. Important with its two storey fraternal twin as part of the streetscape.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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128 Thompson Street

Built on land originally sold by the Crown in 1851 to T Finn and therefore amongst the first ever sold in Hamilton, this shop is of local historic and architectural significance. It appears to have been built in the early 1870s. ([i]) The building's style is conservatively classical with the facade austere and detailed. The building is a fraternal twin

with its two storey next door neighbour and is reputed to have been built with the material salvaged from the original Christ Church, formerly called St Botolph's. ([ii]) To support this the Hamilton Sewerage Authority Drainage Plan which is shared by the two distinguishes between the stone construction of No 128 and the brick construction of No 124 Thompson Street. ([iii]) The shop front is original with its timber stall boards and framing. The front door and the verandah have been replaced. Otherwise the building is substantially intact and remains in good condition. It plays a key role in the streetscape as one of the most intact commercial buildings in Thompson Street.

[i] There is a Department of Planning and Housing File for the site which nominates it as such but no corroborating evidence has been found.

[ii] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 82.

[iii] *HSA DP* No 49.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1870, 1960, 1980,
Hermes Number	26680
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### **MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** »corrugated iron

**Walls:** »brick (part painted)

**Dressings:** »bluestone

**Plinth:** »bluestone & timber

**Windows:** »plate glass & timber

**Paving:** »concrete

**Other:** »metal decking above verandah bluestone piers

## Physical Description 2

**NOTABLE FEATURES:**»original shop front

## Integrity

INTEGRITY:G

CONDITION:G

## Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1870s

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