
Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Location

Thompson St and Martin 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: »Focus for the Lutheran community of the region. The style and date of the church compliment the State Government Offices opposite.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Corner Martin and Thompson Streets, (1958).

This building has regional significance for its architectural interest as an example of the International style, notable features being its use of glazed tiles and Castlemaine slate in the wall panels. It has historical importance

as a focus for the Lutheran community of the region and forms a church complex with the associated church hall at the rear (1939), an early manse at 46 Martin Street (1880) and a later manse at 12 Thompson Street (c1956). ([i]) At first the Lutherans met in the Temperance Hall in Gray Street but in 1939 a town Lutheran congregation was formed and a hall was built on the corner of Martin and Thompson Streets, which was able to be used as a church until a proper one was erected. The hall was moved to its present site in 1956. ([ii]) The new church was built in 1958. ([iii]) It is significantly intact and in excellent condition.

[i] Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 222, 231; *Hamilton Rate Book 1880*, No. 164 (W Irwin, owner/occupier, house, NAV 15 pounds) relates to 46 Martin Street, originally a private residence; *HSA DP* No. 758 (relates to hall at rear and its relocation in 1956, the new church and manse).

[ii] Ibid.

[iii] Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 231.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991; |
| Construction dates | 1957, |
| Hermes Number | 24314 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »glazed terra cotta tiles

Walls: »cream brick

Dressings: »tiles/timber

Plinth: »darker cream brick

Windows: »timber/aluminium

Paving: »concrete

Other: »Castlemaine slate panels

Physical Description 2

NOTABLE FEATURES:»use of glazed tiles and castlemaine slate in wall panels

Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

CONDITION: E

Historical Australian Themes

Evolution of the Town: 1950s

Religion: Lutheranism

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