
Hewlett House



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Location

36 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: This imposing building is significant as an early doctor's residence and for its key position at the entrance to the residential part of Gray Street.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Castle (also known as Hewlett House)
36 Gray Street

Built on land originally sold by the Crown to L Murphy in 1854, this house is of local significance for its conventional architecture and as the home of one of Hamilton's early doctors. It was built in 1876 for Dr Edmund Vials. The builder was William Holden (c1832-1910). ([i]) Holden was the owner/occupier of a wooden house (NAV 12 pounds) on the site of Tavistock, 17 Lonsdale Street, in 1876. ([ii]) The former Hewlett House can be compared with several other grand houses built about this time for doctors by Holden. Dr Wylie's Roxburgh House was slightly earlier and larger. The architecture is a restrained version of the popular Italianate style reflecting a conservative approach befitting the dignity of the profession of the owner. ([iii]) The house remains significantly intact and is in good condition. It is also important for its key position at the entrance to the residential part of Gray Street

[i] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 92.

[ii] *Hamilton Rate Book 1876*, No. 528. The timber section survives much added to.

[iii] The architect, if there was one which is likely, has not been determined.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1876,
Other Names	The Castle,
Hermes Number	26576
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Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron

Walls: rendered stone

Dressings: cement render

Plinth: rockface bluestone

Windows: timber double hung sash

Paving: concrete

NOTABLE FEATURES: Projecting bay and blind window

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1870s

Professions: medicine

Integrity

Integrity: G

Physical Conditions

Conditions: G

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