
Uniting (Former Wesleyan Methodist) Church



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Location

109 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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SIGNIFICANCE: »As the focus for the Wesleyan Methodist denomination and now the Uniting Church in Hamilton and as an example of the work of the Ballarat firm of architects, Clegg, Miller & Cain. *Washingtonia robusta* palms on the Significant Trees Register.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Uniting, former Wesleyan Methodist, Church
Lonsdale Street and Alexandra Parade

The church, with its associated halls and parsonage, is of local significance historically as the focus for the Wesleyan Methodist denomination and now the Uniting Church in Hamilton. It is also significant architecturally as

an example of the work of the Ballarat firm of architects, Clegg, Miller and Cain. ([i]) It was built in 1913 and was the second Methodist church in Hamilton, the first being on Church Hill in McIntyre Street. Methodism was a strong and formative influence in Hamilton from the earliest times. ([ii]) Its members were leaders of the Temperance Movement which was particularly strong in Hamilton.

The simple Gothic revival style of the church is rather old fashioned compared with metropolitan examples at this time but it reflects the conservative nature of the congregation and, paradoxically, shows how far the Wesleyans had changed from their origins when they eschewed anything Gothic in style.. The use of red brick is typical for the period and the architects. The church is a critical landmark at the apex of the junction of Lonsdale Street with Alexandra Parade which is emphasised by the planting of a row of *Washingtonia* palms in the latter. The building is significantly intact and in good condition.

[i] Foundation stone and Lewis, M, *Australian Architectural Index*.

[ii] HSA DP 950, 951, 1953 (1938), Garden, D, *Hamilton*, passim.

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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 | 1913, |
| Architect/Designer | Clegg & Miller, |
| Hermes Number | 26584 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »corrugated iron

Walls: »tuck pointed red brick

Dressings: »painted cement render

Plinth: »tuck pointed red brick

Windows: »leadlight & stained glass

Paving: »asphalt

Other: »glass bricks in extension

Physical Description 2

NOTABLE FEATURES:»paired gables at side, row of *Washingtonia robusta* palms in Alexandra Parade

Integrity

INTEGRITY:G

CONDITION:G

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Religion: Methodism

Clubs & Associations: Temperance Movement

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