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# Former Hamilton Coffee Palace



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## Location

9 Brown 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:** »Associated with the powerful Temperance Movement, this is a very humble version of the private hotels and eateries which were popular in the late 19th Century. Its location near and relationship with the Railway Station are critical to both buildings.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This building has local significance for its associations with the Temperance Movement which was active in Hamilton during the last century, led by Peter Learmonth and store owner, John Thompson. ([i]) The Temperance Movement was powerful both politically and socially, especially when it was lead by James Munro, Premier of Victoria and the developer behind many coffee palaces. Robert McLuckie (c1857-1922), baker, Secretary of the Hamilton Branch of the Victorian Employers' Federation, and Mayor in the 1920s, opened the Hamilton Coffee Palace in about 1887. Unlike the large Temperance hotels of the period in Melbourne, it was a baker's shop. ([ii]) Its location near and relationship with the Railway Station are critical to both buildings. In the same decade, in 1885, Hamilton's Total Abstinence Society acquired the old bluestone store at 77 Kennedy Street and renovated it as a Temperance Hall. ([iii])

The former Coffee Palace building has reverted to domestic use and was renovated in 1987 by Neville Cowland. ([iv]) It has been much altered as part of the conversion. It is in fair condition. It forms an important part of the streetscape, especially for its relationship with the railway station.

[i] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 129.

[ii] *ibid*, *Hamilton Spectator*, Feb 1887.

[iii] Garden, p 129, Hamilton Rate Books, 1884 No 234  
(later converted into offices for Witham, Cogger & Struck)

[iv] HSA DP 12. (Jan 1987, new carport and verandah)

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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        | 1887, 1987,   |
| Hermes Number             | 26633   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

### MATERIALS:

**Roof:** »corrugated iron

**Walls:** »red brick & painted brick

**Dressings:** »cement render

**Plinth:** »none

**Windows:** »timber fixed

**Paving:** »brick

**Other:** »French doors

## Physical Description 2

**NOTABLE FEATURES:**»cantilevered balcony

## Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

CONDITION: E

## Historical Australian Themes

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1880s

Tertiary Industry: Bakeries, accommodation

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