
Cobbitty



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Location

31 Gray 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: »One of the oldest houses in the Church Hill area, this shows an elegant restraint in its detailing.

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Built on land originally sold by the Crown to a Mr W Smith in 1854, this house is of local architectural significance for its relatively early date, the elegance and restraint of its detailing and its typical mid-Victorian form. The house is built of stone and has been rendered to produce a mock ashlar finish. The timber verandah with its strong but

simple detailing betrays the early date of the house as do the French doors opening on to the side verandah.

W Smith may have been the William Smith (c1838-1909) the Town Clerk of Hamilton from 1874 to 1887 who may have acted as his own architect. ([i]) The block originally comprised three allotments but has since been subdivided to include all of crown allotment 13 and parts of 12 and 14. The house remains significantly intact and in excellent condition. The garden includes an important *Araucaria heterophylla*, Norfolk Island Pine. With its garden, Cobbity is an important contributor to the streetscape.

[i] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 73, p 89 and p 123. Garden suggests Smith prepared the first design for the Hamilton College.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1860,
Hermes Number	26635
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »corrugated iron

Walls: »rendered stone

Dressings: »cement render

Plinth: »painted bluestone

Windows: »timber dhs

Paving: »concrete

Other: »timber verandah floor

Physical Description 2

NOTABLE FEATURES:»sawtooth mouldings in verandah arches, eaves brackets

Integrity

INTEGRITY:G

CONDITION:G

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1860s

Important Men & Women: Municipal government

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