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Location

Mt Baimbridge Road 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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This building, opened in October 1964, ([i]) has local significance for its architectural interest as an example of a school design by the Melbourne firm, A V Jennings Pty Ltd, and for its importance in the history of technical education in the Western District region. It was the first full scale technical school in the Hamilton district and later provided post-secondary training in such areas as wool classing, and farm mechanics, ([ii]) a boon to Western District farmers and wool producers.

The Technical School has associations with the origins of technical education in Hamilton, which began in 1906. An unofficial school for motor trade apprentices was held in the late 1940s at Ansett Motors (now Wannon Motors) in Gray Street and later in the Showgrounds. From the 1930s, Hamilton High School had a considerable involvement, opening a technical block in the early 1950s. In 1958 a new wing was built on the other side of Mt Baimbridge Road which became the nucleus of the present Technical School in 1961. ([iii]) This later became co-educational, had a TAFE (Technical And Further Education) function, providing some post secondary technical training. ([iv])

The school is significantly intact and in good condition.

[i] *Vision and Realisation*, Vol II, p 137-138.

[ii] Ibid.

[iii] Ibid., & p 132-133.

[iv] Ibid., Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 239.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1964,
Hermes Number	26640
Property Number	

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution Of The Town: 1930s, 1940s and 1960s

Education: Secondary, technical and tertiary

Squatting: Wool testing & Grazing.

Transport: Motor.

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