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# Colonial Mutual Life Building



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## Location

89 Gray 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:** Replaced the very significant Victoria Hotel and now forms the third modern corner of this critical intersection.

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The land on which the CML Building was constructed was originally sold at auction by the Crown in 1851 to Acheson French, one of the most interesting and individual of the pioneers of Hamilton. (i) By 1855 James Blastock had built the Victoria Hotel on the site which proved to be one of the most important hotels in Hamilton. (ii) It became a focus for the development of the commercial life of the town. It was demolished in the 1960s for

the construction of the CML Building which is of local significance for its architecture and for the historical associations of this nineteenth century life assurance company. The builder was Reg Williams who had built many of the interwar developments in Gray Street. (iii) It is a classic example of the period with its materials and details and appears to be constructed with a reinforced concrete frame. It is derivative of the International style. The building is significantly intact and in excellent condition.

## FOOTNOTES

i Garden, D, *Hamilton*, pp 14-15

ii Ibid. p 58.

iii Conversation with his daughter, Mrs Peg Christie.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1960,
Hermes Number	27226
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### MATERIALS:

**Roof:** corrugated iron

**Walls:** cream brick/concrete

**Dressings:** cement render/tiles

**Plinth:** red brick

**Windows:** aluminium

**Paving:** terrazzo

**Other:** tiled stallboards

**NOTABLE FEATURES:** Company logo in terrazzo, entrance lobby, tower with flagpole, period use of materials.

**LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||

**STYLE:** International

## Historical Australian Themes

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1960s

Tertiary Industry: Life insurance

Retail

## Integrity

Integrity: E

## Physical Conditions

Conditions: E

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