

BUILDING TITLE: Dundas Shire Offices & Hall (third) **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 1 Market Place
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B |X| C || D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** municipal offices
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # 84 6647 5 **AHC File #** **NT File #** 5167 **Class** || **Rec** |X|
CONSERVATION AREA: Melville Oval **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: Queen Anne

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1864 (first hall burnt 1876)
2. 1877 (second hall condemned by Board of Health 1890)
3. 2/6/1892
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Sources:

1. *Dundas Shire Centenary, 1863-1963.*
2. Ibid.
3. foundation stone

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: tuck pointed red brick
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: dressed bluestone
Windows: timber double hung sash
Paving: concrete or brick
Other: pressed metal roof to bays;
"Murano" glass in windows;
cream brick details at rear;
timber verandah;
massive cast iron newel posts
pressed & glazed tiles

SURVEY DATE: 5/5/91

NEG FILE: /

REPORTER: tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P ||

NOTABLE FEATURES: combination of materials all associated with the Queen Ann/Federation period.

CONDITION: E |X| G || F || P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Third Shire Offices and Hall and the focus for local government for the Shire of Dundas. The architecture of this building shows a special sophistication remarkable for its time and the place.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec extensions to the right
Inappropriate: cream brick fence Rec
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O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

Shire of Dundas

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

J d'A Moynan (Dundas Shire Engineer)

TITLE:

CA 55 **Sec**
Dundas Shire
Hall Reserve

COUNCIL COMPUTER #

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dundas Shire Offices and Hall (third)
Market Place

The Dundas Shire Offices and Hall are of regional significance for its architectural interest and for its historical associations with the Dundas Shire, which, like the Hamilton township, was originally part of the Portland Road District and then the Dundas Road District. The Dundas Road Board was proclaimed in 1857. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The first offices, designed by J S Jenkins, were opened in 1864 on the reserve at the corner of Pope and Dryden Streets but these were burnt down in 1876. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The replacement built by the insurance company was condemned by the Board of Health in 1890. Its replacement was built in 1892, ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ at a time when most of Victoria and certainly Melbourne was suffering from a grievous depression. The building has been much altered. The foundation stone of the third hall, designed by the Shire's Engineer, J d'A Moynan, was laid 2 June 1892. Moynan was Shire Engineer from 1888- 1901. ^(iv)

The building is an interesting exercise in the fashionable Queen Ann style and uses all of the usual forms, materials and devices. Of particular interest are the pressed and glazed tiles in the pair of prominent gables, the timber detiling of the porch, and an early use of pressed metal over the bay windows simulating shingles. The cast iron newel posts are oversized, another typical trend at this time. Rather old fashioned is the polychrome brick detailing at the rear. The building, almost certainly influenced by illustrated books or journals from England, may have been designed "in house". It shows a special sophistication remarkable for the time and the place. It survives significantly intact and in excellent condition. With its siting it is an important contributor to the streetscape.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1890s
Government institutions:Local

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Hamilton Town Hall, Brown Street

REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.
Dundas Shire Centenary 1863-1963.
HSA DP No. 886
Dept of Planning and Housing File No 84 6647 5
National Trust of Aust File No 5167

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 66. The municipality of Hamilton, an island in the shire, was gazetted in 1859.
ⁱⁱ Ibid, p 68 & 111; *Dundas Shire Centenary 1863-1963*, pp 22-23. Includes illustrations of 1st Shire Hall (p 21) and present Shire Hall (p 22)
ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid.
^{iv} Ibid and Garden, p 175.