

**BUILDING TITLE:** Former Hamilton Coffee Palace **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 9 Brown Street  
**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:** A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** Commercial  
**DESIGNATION:** HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||  
**CONSERVATION AREA:** outside **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 ||  
**STYLE:** late Victorian?

**CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:**

1. c1887
- 2.
3. 1987
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**Sources:**

1. Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 129
3. HSA DP 12

**MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** corrugated iron  
**Walls:** red brick & painted brick  
**Dressings:** cement render  
**Plinth:** none  
**Windows:** timber fixed  
**Paving:** brick  
**Other:** French doors

**SURVEY DATE:** 6/4/91 **NEG FILE:** 5/03 **REPORTER:** tfh  
**INTEGRITY:** E || G || F || P |X| **NOTABLE FEATURES:** cantilevered balcony

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

**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.

**ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Appropriate:** Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec  
balcony not original  
shop front remodelled

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

**SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:** land to R Fary on 3/5/1854  
**ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:** Neville Cowland (1987 renovations)  
**TITLE:** Sec CA  
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Former Hamilton Coffee Palace  
9 Brown Street

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. <sup>(i)</sup> The Temperance Movement was powerful both politically and socially, especially when it was led 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. <sup>(ii)</sup> 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. <sup>(iii)</sup>

The former Coffee Palace building has reverted to domestic use and was renovated in 1987 by Neville Cowland. <sup>(iv)</sup> 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.

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1880s  
Tertiary Industry: Bakeries, accommodation

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Former Temperance Hall, 77 Kennedy St

### REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, 1984  
*Hamilton Spectator*  
HSA DP 419

### FOOTNOTES

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- <sup>i</sup> Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 129.  
<sup>ii</sup> *ibid*, *Hamilton Spectator*, Feb 1887.  
<sup>iii</sup> Garden, p 129, *Hamilton Rate Books*, 1884 No 234  
(later converted into offices for Witham, Cogger & Struck)  
<sup>iv</sup> HSA DP 12. (Jan 1987, new carport and verandah)

