

BUILDING TITLE: Former Strahan's Saw Mill **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 126 Ballarat Road
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:**
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: outside **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 ||
STYLE: functional

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1920s (various)
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

Hamilton Rate Books
HSA DP 2861

MATERIALS: (Plasterworks Shed)

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: corrugated iron
Dressings: timber
Plinth: corrugated iron
Windows: timber louvres
Paving: none
Other:

SURVEY DATE: 16/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 10/4 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:**

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

SIGNIFICANCE: The plasterworks shed and incinerator are all that remain of significance from Strahan's building yard which was Hamilton's biggest building suppliers.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec
none apparent

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:
land outside town boundaries

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

TITLE:
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R A Strahan, owner 1940s-1980s
Greening Australia, tenants

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Former Strahan's Saw Mill
126 Ballarat Road

Built on land originally outside the City's boundaries, Strahan's was once the largest supplier of building materials in Hamilton. The yard was operated by the contractor R A Strahan from the 1920s and was closed down only recently. R A Strahan was a local contractor, building supplier, farmer, grazier and developer. He had extensive property interests in Hamilton and he was responsible for some of the suburban development along Ballarat Road. He was the builder of Monivae College, built in 1953, which stands opposite and had once owned the site. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The plasterworks shed built on the Ballarat Road boundary and the saw dust incinerator built at the rear of the site near Tatlock Street are all that remain of significance. They are of local significance for their historical associations and as expressions of the construction industry. The plasterworks shed is a thoroughly functional building of corrugated iron and the kiln is built of fire bricks. They both remain substantially intact and they are in fair condition. They are two of the few surviving industrial buildings in Hamilton. The other structures in the complex were equally utilitarian. The office, out buildings, crane and two saw mills have either been very much altered or demolished. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1920s - 1980s
Notable Men & Women: R A Strahan
Secondary Industry: Building

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Monivae College, Ballarat Road
Permewan Wright Goods Sheds, Mount Napier Road
C J Evans & Sons Building, French Street
Glenthompson Brickworks, Glenthompson

REFERENCES

Monivae, 1962 (School Magazine), Hamilton.
Hamilton Rate Books
HSA DP 2861

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ *Monivae*, 1962 (School Magazine), p 11 and passim.
ⁱⁱ The Hamilton Sewerage Authority Drainage Plan No 2861 show the site at its peak.