

BUILDING TITLE: Gas Holder **BUILDING ADDRESS:** Cnr Craig/Kennedy Streets
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A |X| B || C || D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** gas holder
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: outside **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: functional

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1877
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

1Argus, 16 October 1877

MATERIALS:

Roof: plate metal
Walls: plate metal
Dressings: cast iron frame
Plinth: concrete?
Windows: none
Paving: concrete
Other:

SURVEY DATE: 17/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 8/12 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** form and function

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

SIGNIFICANCE: Very rare surviving gas holder or gasometer.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec
R

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

land to G Mott and
Hamilton Gas Company, 5/9/77

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

Thomas Bowman

TITLE:

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Gas & Fuel Corporation of Victoria

COUNCIL COMPUTER #

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gas Holder (or gasometer)
Cnr Craig/Kennedy Streets

This 1870s gas holder, which survives on the Gas & Fuel Corporation site in Craig Street, has state significance as a substantially intact and rare survivor. There are almost no other surviving examples of these industrial structures, which were once common throughout metropolitan Melbourne and in major Victorian country towns. By 1985 the North Melbourne Gas Holder was the only one surviving in the metropolitan area. One survives at Bendigo and other country gas holders may survive at Horsham, Warrnambool and Ararat. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The Hamilton gas holder dates from October 1877 when the Hamilton Gas Company called for tenders. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ Work began at the end of 1877 and the town was first lit by gas on 11 May 1878. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ The provision of gas and street lighting represented a major step forward in municipal development.

Hamilton was slower in obtaining gas lighting than other Victorian country towns of similar size such as Dylesford, Kyneton, Stawell and Warrnambool. The Hamilton Gas Company was floated in February 1877 with the journalist, G H Mott, as chairman. Directors included Sigismund Jacoby, Isaac Routledge, W Thomson, and T Walker. Thomas Bowman, from the Warrnambool Gas Company, designed the works and became the manager. ^(iv)

The structure is thoroughly functional in style and form, remains significantly intact and is in good condition. It was once supported by a complex of brick buildings but all of these have been demolished.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Primary Industry:	Gas
Evolution of the Town:	1870s
Notable men & Women:	G H Mott (Chairman) Sigismund Jacoby Isaac Routledge W Thomson T Walker

SOURCES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3756
Argus, 1877
Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3756.
ⁱⁱ *Argus*, 16 October 1877, p 3 (tender notice).
ⁱⁱⁱ Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 97-98.
^{iv} Ibid.