

BUILDING TITLE: Hamilton Railway Station **BUILDING ADDRESS:** Station Street
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** railway station
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # 60 1519 I AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: outside **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 ||
STYLE: Conservative Classical & Art Deco

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1877
2. c1936 (remodelling)
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

- 1 Garden, D, Hamilton, pp 92ff
- 2 Ibid, p 209

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: rendered brick
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: bluestone
Windows: various
Paving: asphalt
Other:

SURVEY DATE: 6/4/91 **NEG FILE:** 11/7 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E	G	F	X	P	NOTABLE FEATURES: Art Deco entrance and Major Mitchell mural
CONDITION: E	G	F	X	P	

SIGNIFICANCE: Main focus for transport for 50 years and the key building in the complex of railway buildings and associated buildings.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
		various window alterations	O
		1930s entrance	O
		Major Mitchell mural	R
		landscaping	O

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

Victorian Railways Commissioners
 State Transport Authority

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

Victorian Railways

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hamilton Railway Station
Station Street

The Hamilton Railway Station is of local significance for its architecture and its historical associations with fifty years of dominance in transportation. It was built in 1877 after much political wrangling and served the town well during the heyday of the railways. ⁽ⁱ⁾ It was a conventional design for a major town. That dominance was threatened by the development of motor transport and took a particular twist in Hamilton with the emergence of Reg Ansett and his transport empire based on both the road and the air. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The Victorian Railways revamped the station building in the up-to-date Art Deco style but unsuccessfully in the longer term. A similar attempt at revamping the image of the building can be seen in the more recent Major Mitchell mural.

The integrity of the building has been compromised by these historic alterations. It is in poor condition. It forms the focus for the complex of other railways buildings and associated properties including the guest house at 2 Brown Street which has shared its decline and Railways Institute Building now used as the Hadden Theatre.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Transport: Railways

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Guest House, 2 Brown Street
Railways Institute, 1 Brown Street
Railway Housing, Martin & Craig Streets
Permewan Wright Sheds, Mount Napier Road

REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.
Ward, Andrew, *Victorian Railways Survey*,

FOOTNOTES

ⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, pp 92-7.
ⁱⁱ *Ibid.*, p 209