

BUILDING TITLE: McKellar Wing Mamilton Hospital **BUILDING ADDRESS:** Foster Street
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** hospital
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Hospital Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: Queen Anne

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1906-7
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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

- 1 Garden, D, Hamilton, p 171

MATERIALS:

Roof: slate
Walls: red brick
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: bluestone
Windows: timber casements
Paving: concrete
Other: timber verandah

SURVEY DATE: 5/4/91 **NEG FILE:** 4/29 & 30 **REPORTER:** tfh
INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** Dominant roof forms with gables and title
in main pediment, butresses beside
main window.

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

SIGNIFICANCE: Major element with the hospital complex and a critical development in its history and the provision of maternity care and training.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
		enclosed porch	S
		balustrading missing	

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: land to Hospital Purposes (Permanent)
Gazettal 73/1268
ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:
TITLE: Sec CA
Hospital Reserve

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

McKellar Wing Hamilton Hospital
Foster Street

This large complex has regional significance for its architectural interest as a hospital with diverse components constructed over a long period from the 1860s to 1980s. It has historical significance for its important role within the Western District region and for its associations with a number of prominent local doctors including Dr David Laidlaw, who was Medical Superintendent in the pre-1920 period and Dr Samuel Fitzpatrick who replaced him. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The complex has social significance for its replacement, in 1904, of male warders with female nurses. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The hospital also has industrial importance as a local employer and in the 1980s was the largest single employer in the town. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾

The turn of the century saw the establishment of the McKellar Hospital, a maternity wing, which became the second in Victoria to train midwives. ^(iv) The building was donated by the daughters of the prominent pastoralist, Thomas McKellar (1819-1900), Jane, Rachel, Catharine and Mary, in memory of their father. As a public hospital it was generally used by poorer people with the more affluent giving birth at home or at private hospitals such as St Ronan's. ^(v)

The building is in the fashionable Queen Anne style, with some Federation modifications, and it continues the architectural development of the earlier buildings in the complex. The McKellar wing may have been designed by Frank Hammond who did other work at the hospital at this time. It seems to have had a sense of function in its design, the large windows letting in plenty of light for example. Although it has been substantially up-graded internally, the exterior remains relatively intact and the building is in good condition.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Health: Maternity care and education
Evolution of the Town: 1900s

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Hamilton Base Hospital, cnr of Tyers & Kitchener Streets
St Ronan's (Maternity Hospital), 5 Dryden Street

REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984
Australasian, 2 May 1903 (illustration)
Andrews, *Hospital & Benevolent Asylum Extensions Hamilton*, Thesis HOS 4, Uni of Melbourne, 1963.

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 215.
ⁱⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 127, *Australasian*, 2 May 1903 (illustration).
ⁱⁱⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 238.
^{iv} *Hamilton Spectator*, June 1906, 3 Jan 1907.
^v Garden, p 171.