

BUILDING TITLE: New Police Station **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 13 Thompson St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** police station
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Botanic Gardens **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|

STYLE: International

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. pre 1956
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

MATERIALS:

Roof: glazed terra cotta tiles
Walls: cream brick
Dressings: painted cement render
Plinth: cream brick
Windows: timber double hung sash
Paving: concrete
Other: concrete steps
tubular steel railings
wrought iron balustrade

SURVEY DATE: 9/3/91 **NEG FILE:** 3/12 **REPORTER:** tfh

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

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

SIGNIFICANCE: Key building in the Police complex. Complements the neighbouring State Public Offices.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

Police Department

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

Percy Everett?

TITLE:

Sec C A
11 Police Reserve
Ministry for Police & Emergency Services

COUNCIL COMPUTER # 11111.0015

MORE INFO OVER |X|

HAMDS030

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

New Police Station
13 Thompson St

This building has regional significance as an important component of the Hamilton police complex and for its historical associations with the district's police establishment which pre dated the 1850 plan for a Grange township (the earlier name for Hamilton). As early as November 1840 La Trobe recommended the appointment of a district Police Magistrate supported by police constables based on the Grange. ⁽ⁱ⁾

The site of the police station in Thompson Street is of considerable archaeological significance as it was the location in the 1840s of a hut erected for the Police Magistrate with barracks for a detachment of mounted police. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The police station which was replaced by the existing was built for the Public Works Department in 1878 by J A Wood for 428 pounds and nineteen shillings. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ The present building dates from either in the late 1940s or the early 1950s and may have been designed by Percy Everett who was the chief architect of the PWD. It is a typical design for the time using conventional cream bricks, timber windows, terra cotta tiles and a traditionalism notwithstanding its attempt to be modern. It is significantly intact and is in excellent condition.

Also part of the significance is the old red brick building, apparently a former lock-up adjacent to the Police Station.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Exploration and early settlement:
Government institutions: Police

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Former lock-up, 2 Westacott Street
Court house, 15 Martin Street

REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, Nth Melb 1984.
Argus, 1878.

FOOTNOTES

-
- ⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 18.
ⁱⁱ Ibid.
ⁱⁱⁱ *Argus*, 7 September 1878, 10 September 1878.