

Victorian Heritage Database Report
Reg Ansett's House



Location:

12 Learmonth Street HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Stage 2 Heritage Study Complete

Precinct:

Hospital Hill Precinct Hamilton

Statement of Significance:

SIGNIFICANCE: »Home of Reg Ansett when he established his transport empire.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Reg Ansett's House

12 Learmonth Street

This timber house has local significance as the home of Reginald (later Sir Reginald) Ansett (1909-1981), who played a major role in Hamilton's development as a regional centre by his establishment in the 1930s of a network of transport services based in the town. Ansett was also largely responsible for Hamilton becoming a major aviation centre. He arrived in Hamilton in 1931 and by 1936 the Ansett Motors and Airways company had been established, becoming a public company by 1937. ([i])

Ansett's associations with the Learmonth Street house (No 12) is confirmed by a Hamilton Sewerage Authority

Drainage Plan dated 1 June 1938, when sewerage was connected to the property. ([ii]) The ordinariness of the house reflects Ansett's humble beginnings. The house is typical of this part of Hamilton and of the lower middle class at the time. It is significantly intact and is in good condition. It makes no special contribution to the streetscape being just one of several very similar houses. The garden complements the character of the house.

[i] Garden, Don, Hamilton, pp 208-213.

[ii] HSA DP No. 970 (dated 1 June 1938, for Mr R Ansett)

Description

MATERIALS:

Roof: »corrugated iron

Walls: »weatherboard

Dressings: »timber

Plinth: »timber

Windows: »timber dhs

Paving: »gravel

Other: »rough cast brick verandah

NOTABLE FEATURES:»typical heavy porch, bracketed eaves

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Transport: Motors. Aviation

Evolution of the Town: 1920s & 1930s

Integrity: INTEGRITY:E

CONDITION:G

Heritage Study / Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991
Construction Date Range	1920 -
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	26655
Property number	

This place/object may also be State heritage listed. Check the Victorian Heritage Database. For further details, contact the local Council or go to Planning Schemes Online