

BUILDING TITLE: Walter House **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 169 Gray St (101-103 Brown St)
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:**
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Gray St Commercial **LEVEL OF STREETSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||
STYLE: International

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1954
2. 1958
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Sources:

1. HSA DP 3, 169 Gray Street
H Walter for Union Bank, 14/3/54
2. HSA DP 3, Extension to
Walter House for H Walter, 31/3/58

MATERIALS:

Roof: tray decking
Walls: tiled brick
Dressings: tiles
Plinth: rockface bluestone
Windows: timber casement
Paving:
Other: aluminium sheeting

SURVEY DATE: 7/3/91 **NEG FILE:** / **REPORTER:** TH

INTEGRITY: E | G | X | F | P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** use of aluminium sheeting. Steel flagpole.
CONDITION: E | G | X | F | P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Keystone building on corner. Represents the major development in Gray Street in the 1950s.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec
ground floor tiles on walls 0
shop fronts

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: land to H G Henty, 18/2/52
formerly Union Bank site
ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS: WJT Walter & Auty, architects
H Walter, owner, 1954 & 1971
R D Walter present owner
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Walter House
169 Gray Street

This building was constructed in 1954 or earlier with substantial additions made c1958. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Fabric from the bank building previously on the site was incorporated into the present structure. It has local significance as a key building on the corner of Gray and Brown Streets and for its architectural interest as an example of the work of the architects, Walter & Auty, of Walter House, Warrnambool ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ and for its innovative use of aluminium sheeting and the steel flagpole. These architects also designed the Eventide Lutheran Homes in Hamilton (1962-65). ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ Walter House has historical associations with its owner in the 1950s, H Walter, who is quite likely the H F Walter, grain store proprietor, leading citizen and mayor, referred to in Don Garden's *Hamilton: A Western District History*. ^(iv) The Union Bank was formerly on this site. The existing building has been altered on the ground floor but survives substantially intact and in good condition.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1950s, 1960s
Tertiary Industry: grainstores
Notable Men and Women: H F Walter

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Eventide Lutheran Homes, Ballarat Road
Walter House, Warrnambool, (offices, Walter & Auty, architects)

REFERENCES

HSA DP No. 3, for H Walter, 14 March 1954 and 14 January 1971; for new extension to Walter House for H Walter, 31 July 1958; for Union Bank, undated, plans copied.
Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Eventide Lutheran Homes, Hamilton 1962-1987, Glenelg Regional Library.
Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.

FOOTNOTES

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- i HSA DP No. 3 (1954, 1958). Additions shown in 1958 plan.
ii Ibid.
iii *Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Eventide Lutheran Homes, Hamilton 1962-1987*, Glenelg Regional Library, p 9.
iv Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 215.