



Municipal Building, 3 Stanners Street

1910-1911

Use	Council Offices	Historic Value	4 out of 5
Materials	Reinforced concrete	Architectural Value	4 out of 4
		Technical Value	1 out of 2
NZHPT Registered	Category II Register Number 828	Symbolic Value	1 out of 3
Valuation No	12200-132-00	Rarity	1 out of 2
Legal Description	Lots 62 & 63 DP 2934, Lots 3 & 4 DP 2952, Lot 6 DP 14175	Townscape Value	1 out of 2
		Group Value	1 out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	13 out of 20
Reference	S1		

Description

The Municipal Building is a two storey building constructed of reinforced concrete.

History

The Honourable R McKenzie officially opened the Municipal Buildings on 11 September 1910 or 1911. The first Eltham Borough Council Chambers once stood on the corner of High and Bridge Streets, where McDonalds Land Agents is today. Later the Council Rooms moved to the site of the present Old Folks' Rooms.

The new Municipal Building signaled Eltham's progress as a municipality and heralded a new era of local body management. The Municipal offices included an upstairs library. Council meetings were held in the building's fine chambers, and since its amalgamation with the South Taranaki District Council, the Eltham Community Board has continued this tradition.

For some years, the basement of the Municipal Building was used as Eltham's morgue.

The building is a fine example of 19th century architecture and has recently been extensively renovated while retaining its unique interior and exterior features.

The Municipal Building served the Eltham district as a service centre until 2002. Presently these services are now being shared between the South Taranaki District Council in Hawera and the Eltham Library Plus Centre.

Architect

Rough and Duffill Architects
Cowie, Rockell & Chong (Renovations)

Builder

Erected under the supervision of Mr Duffill.

Sources

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