



Taranaki Newspapers Limited, 187 High Street

1932

Use	Newspaper Office	Historic Value	2 out of 5
Materials	Reinforced concrete, timber floors, stairs and windows	Architectural Value	1 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Not registered	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12340-322-00	Symbolic Value	1 out of 3
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 1148 Pt Lot 1 DP 3385	Rarity	- out of 2
Map Reference	HiS12	Townscape Value	1 out of 2
		Group Value	1 out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	7 out of 20

Description

Taranaki Newspapers Ltd is a two storey reinforced concrete building with timber double-hung windows on the first floor, and a verandah hung from the building with steel ties. It has a stepped geometric patterning in plaster on the front facade, vaguely art deco in character although stylised and simplified; the graphics of the building name are appropriate to the style and form a prominent feature.

History

The original drawing for this building shows a news office in a small area on the ground floor, with the rest of the floor given over to a shop at the front and men's and women's hairdressers at the rear. The first floor accommodated newspaper offices. The building has continued in its newspaper use for over 60 years from the time of construction.

This is the second Daily News building, the first having been destroyed by fire. In recent years The Daily News and the Hawera Star share the Hawera Star building on Regent Street. The old Daily News building was converted into Unkas Jewellers Shop.

Architect

Duffill and Gibson, Hawera, drawing dated February 1932

Builder

M J Squires

Statement of Significance

Newspapers hold a special place in the life of any community because of the role they play in reflecting and promoting the culture of the place. This gives the Taranaki Newspapers building an historic and symbolic value to the people of Hawera as it has been in newspaper use for over 60 years. It also has modest townscape value for its scale and art deco decoration, and architectural value as the work of the locally important practice of Duffill and Gibson.

Sources

Conversation with staff member of The Daily News.
Architectural drawing, Cowie Rockell Chong

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