



Hawera Foundries Building, 6-8 Union Street

1928

Use	Retail	Historic Value	1 out of 5
Materials	Reinforced concrete, timber joinery, corrugated iron roof	Architectural Value	1 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Not registered	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12340-192-00	Symbolic Value	- out of 3
Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 88	Rarity	- out of 2
		Townscape Value	1 out of 2
		Group Value	1 out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	5 out of 20
Map Reference	UE1		

Description

The Hawera Foundries Building is two storied and constructed in reinforced concrete. It is stripped classical in style, with vestiges of decoration to the facade with roundels, a cornice over the two outer windows, and parapet above with the date of construction, 1928. The verandah is hung from the building, and is original, as are the three shop fronts. It is rare that shop fronts should survive unaltered from the 1920s, and these ones have interesting tilework and leadlight glazing. The timber joinery in the first floor windows is also original.

History

This building was built for Hawera Foundries, a holding company whose business was elsewhere. It was planned as three shops on the ground floor with one large open space on the first floor. The access to this space was through a new opening made in the common wall with the McGruer Bone Building on the south side. The ground floor shops are presently tenanted.

Architect

Duffill and Gibson, Hawera, original architectural drawing dated November 1927. The drawing is signed by J M Collins for Hawera Foundries Ltd.

Builder

Arthur M Brown

Statement of Significance

The Hawera Foundries Building is a good quality commercial building of the late 1920s, which has heritage value for the fact that it has remained virtually unaltered in its exterior appearance. The originality extends to the shop fronts which are tiled and have lead-light windows; period shop fronts such as these are very rare. The building is the work of important local architects, Duffill and Gibson. It has townscape value, particularly because it is part of a group of buildings of similar age, scale and detail; furthermore it is well maintained and free of obtrusive signage.

Sources

Cowie Rockell Chong, Hawera

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