



Brunton's Appliances, 12 Union Street

1919

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	12340-193-00	Symbolic Value	- out of 3
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 9259	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	UE2		

Description

The building is two storied and constructed in reinforced concrete, dominated now by a modern glazed verandah stretching the full length of the facade. Below the verandah the shop fronts have been modernised, while above the facade is in original condition. There are nine windows in three groups of three, those in the centre embellished with an elaborate cartouche and segmental arch. The windows are double-hung with the top sashes divided into six panes. The decoration of the facade makes an interesting comparison with the plainer building next door (Hawera Foundries) which was designed by the same architects nine years later.

History

Built for Mr R H Nolan, the original drawing notes that it was to be occupied by R Morrissey & Company. R H Nolan one of the town's main stock auctioneers, and his firm, Nolan Tonks, were dealers in cattle and land. The ground floor was one large shop, with several offices at the street frontage, while the first floor was one large open space spanned by large timber and steel trusses. A staircase to this space ascends from a door at the front right side of the building.

Architect

Duffill and Gibson, Hawera, original drawing dated 8 October 1919.

Builder

E A Pacey

Statement of Significance

Brunton's Building has heritage value for its architectural quality, being authentic in its first floor fenestration and decoration, while major change has occurred to the verandah and shop fronts. The building is the work of important local architects, Duffill and Gibson, and is an interesting example of their work, contrasting with the Hawera Foundries Building next door by the same architects. It has townscape value, particularly because it is part of a group of buildings of similar age, scale and detail.

Sources

Cowie Rockell Chong, Hawera

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