



Waimate Hotel, 49 South Road

1906

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| Use | Hotel | Historic Value | 2 out of 5 |
| Materials | Timber weather boards, corrugated iron roof | Architectural Value | 2 out of 4 |
| NZHPT Registered | Not registered | Technical Value | 1 out of 2 |
| Valuation No | 12260-167-00 | Symbolic Value | - out of 3 |
| Legal Description | Secs 12 & 13 Blk XV Town of Manaia | Rarity | - out of 2 |
| | | Townscape Value | 1 out of 2 |
| | | Group Value | 1 out of 2 |
| | | Overall Cultural Heritage Value | 7 out of 20 |
| Reference | S8 | | |

Description

The Waimate Hotel is a large two storey building sheathed in timber weatherboards. It is situated on a corner section facing the World War I Memorial Band Rotunda and obelisks in the centre of Manaia. The Hawera Star (1925) recorded that "*The Waimate Hotel had twenty four rooms*".

History

This hotel was built in 1906 as a replacement for the Waimate Hotel that burnt down in 1881. It was the second hotel to be built on the Octagon in Manaia.

Former Publicans have included:

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| F E B Lovelock (owner) | Charles Kasper | John McKenna | Allen Klenner |
| J Russell | Percy Barnes | Hector Murdock | Russell Hosie |
| R D Wilson | A Young | James Nieper | Brian Bowden |
| Joseph Dunn | Walter Swift | Roy Munro | T Weydon |
| B Brown | Frederick Pacey | Thomas Hickey | McAlister Hotels |
| William Vivian | P Havill | Ernest Pepper | Flay & Parrant |
| Alexander Sanson | Charles Jansom | Jack Anderson | Wayne Thomson |
| William Walshe | Bridget Purcell | Joseph Pennington | D R & R Futter |
| Frederick Bishop | Albert Izzard | James Gernhoefer | Robin Killeen |
| Frederick Cobb | Caroline Johnston | Johanna Redman | |

The hotel has had a rich and colourful history. A former publican, Ernest Pepper, died after falling into the cellar through the open cellar door. It is believed he sustained a blow to the head during the fall which claimed his life. During the 1960's, publican T Weyden was attacked, sustained a blow to the head and later died. His attacker was never brought to justice.

The hotel was a central meeting point for many people in the community as it had a good dining room, and a piano in the lounge bar.

Architect

John Alfred Duffill and Stephen Gibson

Builder

Mr J Milroy

Sources

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