



81-83 Devon Street West

c.1910?

Themes in development: transport and trade, cultural and social.

Cultural heritage values: historic, architectural, technical, townscape and group values.

Not registered.

Owner

Townscape Developments Ltd
PO Box 4254, New Plymouth

Title

All DP 3428
ID: 015154

Use

Retail

Description

The building at 81-83 Devon Street West is a two storey masonry building, plastered on its front facade, probably dating from the first decade of the 20th century. The ground floor has display windows to a shop with access to the first floor via a stair on the east side. The verandah is now suspended from the wall above, but was probably supported originally on cast iron posts. The first floor has four arched windows with keystones and small-paned fanlights. These are set between four Corinthian pilasters standing on brackets and fluted, supporting a finely detailed cornice. A high semi-circular pediment completes an ordered, symmetrical composition.

History

The early history of the building is not known. The only District Council record relates to verandah alterations in 1993.

Architect

The architect is not known.

Statement of Significance

This is a modest commercial building, typical of many that once made up the fabric of the CBD, but which have now largely gone. It is a carefully executed classical design, well proportioned and with the exterior still in relatively original condition. It has townscape value as part of a group of buildings of compatible style and scale, interesting in its detail and roof silhouette.

Sources

New Plymouth District Council building file 152/81.