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Historic mill under scrutiny



NEW PLYMOUTH'S Egmont Steam Flour Mill is in line for a prestigious award for historic building preservation.

The 1865 mill — renovated to a restaurant and nightclub in 1984 — is one of six properties nominated for the New Zealand Historic Places Trust preservation award for property developers.

Pictured inspecting the building yesterday are (from left) the manager of the mill, Mr Julian Holdgate; one of the judges, Mr Chris Cochran, of

Wellington; Fletcher Development and Construction New Plymouth manager Mr Bruce Mellso; Taranaki regional committee Historic Places Trust member Regan Potangaroa; judge Rodney Draffin, of Auckland; regional committee member Alastair Buist; and judges

Sherry Reynolds and Michael King, of Auckland.

The building was nominated by the Historic Places Trust regional committee because of its historical importance to Taranaki, the careful restoration and successful new use.

Mr Cochran said the building was an outstanding example of a rare old building being restored so it could be used and so its history could be enjoyed by many people.

It had an excellent chance of winning the award, he said. The judging takes place over the next two weeks.