



Coronation Hotel, 67 Bridge Street

1902

Use	Hotel	Historic Value	3 out of 5
Materials	Timber, corrugated iron roof	Architectural Value	3 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Not registered	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12200-441-01	Symbolic Value	1 out of 3
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 8081	Rarity	- out of 2
		Townscape Value	2 out of 2
		Group Value	2 out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	12 out of 20
Reference	Br8		

Description

The Coronation Hotel is a two storey timber building. A verandah encircles the first floor on its street front facades, and there is a large cellar below street level.

History

The Coronation Hotel stands on the site of Eltham's first Methodist Church. The church was erected in late 1893 on a high embankment. In 1901 it was moved to the northwest corner of London and York Streets. At this time the Methodist and Wesleyan congregations combined and continued to use the church on its new site.

Mr Hawkins of Maxwell purchased the old site and built the Coronation Hotel at a cost of £300. It was named to honour the coronation of King Edward VII. Its most famous publican was E J (Ernest) Crabtree who gifted Eltham's first fire engine (a Model 'T' Ford), complete with equipment, to the Eltham Fire Brigade. Ernest Crabtree and Charles Potts held the hotel licence for 28 years.

The hotel was famous for its early circular bar and its fine accommodation and dining facilities. A new water and drainage system was fitted to the hotel in 1905. The Coronation Hotel celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 27 July 1929.

In the 1980s, the Coronation Hotel featured in the film "Came a Hot Friday" based on Hawera novelist Ronald Hugh Morrieson's book of the same name.

Architect

Not known.

Builder

Not known.

Sources

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