



Hawera Star Building, Regent Street

1913

Use	Newspaper Office	Historic Value	3 out of 5
Materials	Plastered masonry, timber joinery, corrugated iron roof	Architectural Value	2 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Not registered	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12340-348-00	Symbolic Value	2 out of 3
Legal Description	Pt Lot 40 & Pt Lot 41 DP 9 Lot 1 DP 2035, Lot 5 DP 156075 Lot 5 DP 15607	Rarity	- out of 2
Map Reference	RW2	Townscape Value	1 out of 2
		Group Value	1 out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	10 out of 20

Description

The Hawera Star building has several parts, the main single storey office (which is the part that this inventory sheet deals with) is on the corner of Princes Street and Little Regent Street, while the printing works stretch further to the west down Little Regent Street. The office building is plastered masonry (or concrete?) construction of simplified classical design. The windows, three pairs on Princes Street and three single windows on Little Regent Street, have round-headed fanlights and moulded arches, while the parapet above has a stepped profile, with a triangular pediment over the door on the corner.

History

The Hawera Star newspaper was first published in 1880. The first Hawera Star office burnt down in the fire of 1895, and was rebuilt on the same High Street site; they then moved to the present site in 1913. In 1998, the *Daily News* moved into the building along with the *Hawera Star* and the associated printing building was demolished. (Are there owners/editors/writers and others who were well known?)

Architect

Not known.

Builder

Not known.

Statement of Significance

Newspapers hold a special place in the life of any community because of the role they play in reflecting and promoting the culture of the place. The Hawera Star building therefore has an historic and symbolic value to the people of Hawera as the local newspaper has been produced and circulated from here for over 80 years; during that time it has reported and recorded all aspects of the life of the town. The building also has townscape value for its scale and refined classical design on a well-used corner site. The presence of the associated printing buildings on Little Regent Street, including one with the name "Literary Dept", adds to the significance of the site.

Sources**Date**

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