



White Hart Hotel, corner High & Princes Streets

c.1890

Use	Hotel	Historic Value	4 out of 5
Materials	Timber structure and weather-boarding, corrugated iron roof	Architectural Value	2 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Category II Register Number 867	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12330-178-00	Symbolic Value	1 out of 3
Legal Description	Lot 6 DP 3829	Rarity	- out of 2
		Townscape Value	2 out of 2
		Group Value	- out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	10 out of 20
Map Reference	HiN4		

Description

The White Hart Hotel is a typical New Zealand corner pub of timber construction throughout with a two storey verandah wrapping around the street facades of the building. The parapet and first floor verandah details have been modified, but decorative cast iron posts and trim to the ground floor verandah remain intact, and, quite unusually in this building type, the double-hung windows to both floors, and French doors that open out onto the verandah at first floor level, are original. The interior has been much modified, although again such aspects as the layout of the first floor bedrooms can still be seen.

History

In 1888, the original Empire Hotel on this site was burnt down and was rebuilt.

The verandahs are a more recent addition and it is possible that the name was changed to the White Hart Hotel after the verandahs were added, after 1910.

Architect

J E Roe

Builder

Not known.

Statement of Significance

The White Hart Hotel occupies a prominent corner site on an intersection that has long been associated with hotels. It is a very good example of a traditional New Zealand corner pub, once a common building type but now becoming rarer, and has survived in relatively authentic form for a building of this type. As the oldest pub in the centre of Hawera, still serving its original use, it has strong historic value, and is reminiscent of the time when the town was built completely of timber. The building also has high townscape value for its scale, decorative interest and "sociability" in that it has a two storey verandah on the street frontage. It is one of only two buildings in the centre of Hawera with this feature.

Sources**Date**

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