



County Council Offices, 33 Princes Street

no date

Use	Not known	Historic Value	3 out of 5
Materials	Plastered masonry, timber joinery, corrugated iron roof	Architectural Value	2 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Category II Register Number 862	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12340-386-00	Symbolic Value	1 out of 3
Legal Description	Subdivision of Lot 61 DP 32 Lot 1 DP 6158	Rarity	1 out of 2
		Townscape Value	1 out of 2
		Group Value	1 out of 2
Map Reference	PW2	Overall Cultural Heritage Value	10 out of 20

Description

The former Hawera County Council Office building is a single storey building, masonry with plain and textured stucco plaster coatings. It is a classical design, although modest in proportions, with a doorway on the left set between two fluted pilasters, and two round-headed windows in the other bay. The windows have moulded facings and keystones, and the double-hung windows are still fully intact. There is a cornice across the front facade with a dog-tooth moulding, and a plain parapet above. It is an interesting asymmetrical design, with a grandeur that belies its small size - it is just a hallway and one room wide.

History

The building was built for the Hawera County Council Offices. The date of construction and the length of the County's occupation is not known at present. The building is unchanged in its exterior appearance but for the loss of three urns that used to decorate the top of the parapet - these show in an early photograph.

The building is currently owned by the Corrections Department.

Architect

Not known.

Builder

Not known.

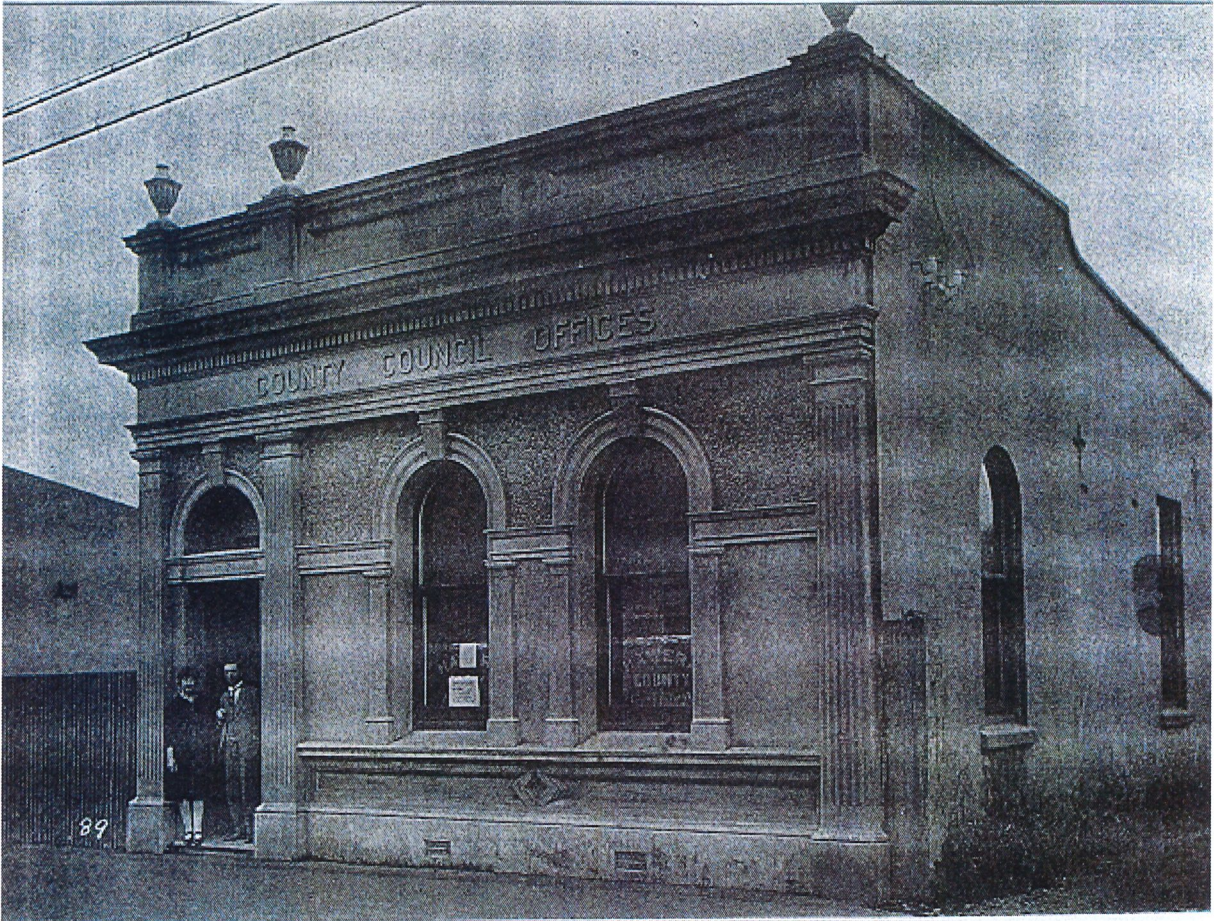
Statement of Significance

County Council Office buildings have a special place in the history of towns such as Hawera, as they were the places from which local government was administered to large rural hinterlands; counties are themselves now things of the past, so this building has a strong historical value to the town and district. It is also an impressive piece of classical architecture, well articulated and cleverly detailed to make a building with a lot of visual interest. It is also authentic but for the three lost urns on the parapet. The building has townscape and group value in defining the south end of Princes Street in conjunction with several other heritage buildings nearby.

Sources**Date**

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Minor amendment made in November 2002.



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