



La Paz, 42 Powderham St (Brougham St cnr)

1927

Themes in development: cultural and social.

Cultural heritage values: historical, architectural, technical, symbolic and townscape values.

Not registered.

Owner

Noremac Properties
c/- T.W Boon
25a Rogan Street
New Plymouth.

Title

Lots 1 & 2 DP 1156, all DP 2462
ID: 015175

Use

Retail shop
and Cafe

Description

La Paz, originally built as the Salvation Army Citadel, is a reinforced concrete building with one main space spanned by five timber trusses. The stair and choir loft at the west end of the building (away from Brougham Street) is still intact, as is the timber floor and tongue and groove boarding on the ceiling. The main elevation is a simplified classical composition of four columns, supporting a large triangular pediment with a circular window in the centre and flanked by two urns. The south elevation windows to Powderham Street are round-headed with keystones.

History

The Salvation Army made a triumphant entry into New Plymouth on 15 March 1884, two years after they were first established in New Zealand. The Citadel was opened in June 1927 and served as the headquarters of the Salvation Army in New Plymouth until 1977. It has been converted for retail use by enlarging the front elevation windows down to floor level, and opening the north wall through to the adjoining building.

Architect

The architect is not known.

Statement of Significance

The building has historical significance as the place of worship for the Salvation Army in New Plymouth for 50 years. It has some architectural interest as a simplified classical design of the late 1920s, with a large interior space still intact. Its forthright character on a prominent street corner gives it an important townscape value.

Sources

Clippings file, Alexander Turnbull Library, q993.1, New Plymouth p. 37, 74.