



Taranaki Women's Club, 70 Powderham St

c.1900?

Themes in development: cultural and social.

Cultural heritage values: historical and architectural values.

Not registered.

Owner

Taranaki Women's Club
70 Powderham Street
New Plymouth

Title

Sec 678
ID: 015177

Use

Club rooms

Description

The Taranaki Women's Club is a single storey timber building of conventional detailing for its time - rusticated weatherboards, double-hung windows, and low-pitched hipped roof sheathed in corrugated iron. Two pairs of French doors with margins on the Powderham Street elevation may indicate an earlier date than 1900 for this part of the building. There are two additions with lean-to roofs on this elevation too.

History

This building was originally the residence of Thomas Kingwell Skinner (1850-1925), the first permanent engineer to the County Council. It was purchased by the Taranaki Women's Club in 1950. The club was founded in 1926 to provide a centre for women interested in social, public, scientific and artistic affairs, and the building continues in this use today.

Architect

The architect is not known.

Statement of Significance

The building has modest historic interest as the home of a local professional man, but more particularly for its connection with a socially important club in the city over 40 years, the Taranaki Women's Club. Its architectural interest derives from a simple form and intact timber framing sheathing.

Sources

New Plymouth District Council building file 441/...
Taranaki Museum, heritage trail file C7020048.