

Place name Victoria Hotel

Survey Date: 31/07/2002

Other name

Id: 1512

Street 53 Turnbull Street

Last Update 1/07/2007

Locality Alberton

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No HO10

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Property Info Town lot Pt. CA 3/9

Precinct: Not in precinct

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer John Scott

Builder John T James

Ownership

Built Date 1889

Change Date

Description This substantial, boom-era stuccoed brick hotel once possessed a two-level cast-iron verandah, since removed. The exuberance of the styling, however still remains. Elements of the French Second Empire Style include overt Classical detailing such as the broken pediment to the corner parapet, the bifocated entablature placed centrally on the east facade and applied pilasters, garlands and finials, some of which are missing. The tower and its widow's walk in cast iron however, are the dominant elements of this style which was so often used for the large railway-facade hotels of the boom era. Face-brick walls to the south facade have been painted, the stucco colour scheme altered, the doors replaced and the verandah removed; the interior has been generally altered at ground level.

SOURCES

Graeme Butler, 'Port Albert Conservation Study', 1982, p.22

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Hotel	Victorian	Rendered Masonry	Not visible/known

Condition Good

Integrity Altered

Commercial	Building
National Themes	Local Themes
	7.2 Service centres

History The early owners of this property were Dan Sexton and E.T. Newton. Various licensed premises operated in the Victoria township: John McNaughton had a wine and beer license there in 1846, Joseph Whitford, John Gallagher (1860) and John Hawkins (1863) were all publicans in the town.

John McKenzie opened the Alberton Hotel in Johnson Street, during 1855, and John Hawkins owned another Victoria Hotel in the 1860s: the latter having purchased land at the south-west corner of Kirksopp and Turnbull Streets, from J. Orr. (1)

Auctioneer and Agent, E. T. Newton, purchased the site of the Victoria Hotel and other suburban lots in 1872 from Dan Sexton and must have resubdivided to create the above allotment (2).

Dennis Sullivan had an hotel erected on this site in 1889 which was replaced under the ownership of James Slater in 1890 John Scott was the architect, John T. James the builder and the cost was estimated at 3,000 pounds (3).

References

- 1]
- a) Irving, abstract of licensing Records, Alberton District
- b) G.G. 5.10/1885
- c) Rate Books 1863, No. in rate 176
- d) G.G. 28/9/1860
- e) G.T. 16/3/1870
- 2] RGO 222. 394
- 3]
- a) RB 1889, 2194: NAV 120 pounds

- b) G.S., 2/4/ 1890
- c) RB 1890, 1906, NAV 180 pounds
- 4] Photo, PAMM

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO10		Listed

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed: Port Albert Herit **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

Final Ranking Regional Significance **Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

Statement of significance The Victoria Hotel, designed by John Scott and constructed by John T James in 1889, is of local historic and architectural significance to Wellington Shire:

- the hotel represents the Victoria-wide boom of the 1885-93 period as it materialised in the township of Victoria; (RNE criterion A.4)
- as a reminder of the opening of the railway between Leongatha and Port Albert in 1892. (RNE criterion A.4)
- as one of the last remnants of Victoria town's many shops and buildings that made up the commercial centre in 19th century Turnbull Street (RNE criterion E.1)
- as one of the best examples of a boom style hotel in the Gippsland region.

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography Butler, G., (1982), Port Albert Conservation Study (Place no. 10), South Gippsland Publishing Company, Foster, 22
 Graeme Butler & Associates, (July 2002), Alberton - Port Albert Heritage Review (Wellington Heritage Study)