

Place name Hair's store and residence

Survey Date: 31/07/2002

Other name

Id: 1511

Street Turnbull Street

Last Update 9/03/2005

Locality Alberton

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Property Info

Precinct: Not in precinct

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership

Built Date 1870-5c **Change Date**

Description The store is of stuccoed brick, double-fronted with two, intact, six-pane show windows, and possesses part of an original counter internally (panelled and scrolled bracketing). Otherwise it has been altered by addition of a false parapet-boarding and probable demolition of the verandah to provide for petrol filling lanes (Butler 1982:18).

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
x	Vernacular		Corrugated iron

Condition

Integrity

Commercial/Residential

Building

History

A Zone Town allotment 1912, Victoria First allotment owner: Nathaniel Ford, 15/10/1861. Tarraville grazier, Nathaniel Ford, purchased this corner allotment and other land in 1861, after the auction evolving from the Kemmis v. Orr Case. After Ford's death, his widow Elizabeth, sold the land to William Hair in 1870, for 6 pounds, "together with all apertances" which suggests that a building existed on the property which had been constructed by Hair and thus his purchase was the land only (2). Hair in his biography in the Cyclopaedia of Victoria, stated that he had commenced storekeeping at Alberton in 1859 (Refer 3). (3) Given Ford's purchase in 1861, it is unlikely that Hair occupied this site. This store appears to have been built c1870-5. (4).

After 1885, his nephew, William McKerrow ran the business - which was still owned by Hair until this century. McKerrow then became the owner, followed by Robert Bland in 1930 (5) (Butler 1982:18).

Heritage Protections Register

Reference

Zoning

Status

Planning Scheme

HO5

Listed

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations Documentation, assessment and significance are sufficient to enable this place to be proposed for immediate protection under the Planning Scheme (Butler 1982:18).

Recommendations 2002

Not recommended for inclusion in the Wellington Planning Scheme heritage overlay schedule (Butler, 2002).

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking

Assessed: Port Albert Herit

Stage 2 priority

No Action: Already include

Final Ranking

Local interest

Final Recommendation

Amendment C26

Statement of significance The building is Victoria's only commercial building in a location where a row of similar verandahed shops existed last century and where two stores had already been constructed by 1844 (6).

Although altered superficially, the basic elements of this simple structure survive. The show window details providing evidence for window reconstruction on similar period buildings in the Shire (Butler 1982:18).

1982:18).

Statement of Significance 2002

Changes have removed key elements that express this building's age: it is of historic interest only.

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography

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1) RGO

2) Ibid

3) C. of V., Vol 3, p 624

4) RB1870, 161:

RB 1876, 218

RB 1882, 104:

RB 1882, 109:

5)

a) RB 1910, 164

b) RGO

6) Lennon p, 153f

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