

Place name Nurses' Home

Survey Date: 4/07/2004

Other name Charles and Elizabeth Ayres Memorial Nurses' Home

Id: 1124

Street 36 - 48 Palmerston Street

Last Update 4/10/2004

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Not in precinct

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership Public

Built Date

Change Date

Description The dominant building on this site is a modern three storey building with the streamlined aesthetic reminiscent of the Swiss sanatorium designs of the influential Modern architect, Alvar Aalto or the iconoclastic Bauhaus buildings by Walter Gropius in Germany. The flat roofed, rendered building is composed of a long rectangular block with intersecting wings. The balconies of contrasting orange brick with curved corners and tube metal railing, extend continuously along the sides of the building. The cantilevered roof over the main entry plus the occasional chimney and step wall are the only other interruptions to the uniform design. The fence of concrete retaining wall and continuous twin rails echo the balcony motif.

At the rear of this Modern building, the earlier Nurses' quarters can be identified in the form of a neo-Georgian double storey institutional building. Plans of this building are held at the Sale Museum.(1)

Condition & Integrity: The modern section of the nurses quarters block is very intact to its original design. Large sections of the earlier nurses quarters are also intact.

Place type: Public

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Buildings	Modern	Rendered Masonry	Not visible/known

Condition Excellent

Integrity Intact

Redevelopment/change
Public

Buildings

History In 1933, an 'up to date residence' for the nursing staff at the Gippsland Hospital was built. Designed by S. P. Ashton who gave his services free, the contractors were E. Goethe + Sons. A generous gift from Charles Ayres of Rosedale helped to finance the building.

By 1952, the nursing staff had increased to 98 and new accommodation was urgently needed. Two three-storey wings were built around the existing building which was incorporated into the new design. A gift of twelve thousand pounds, again from Charles Ayres, greatly assisted with financing the project.

Heritage Protections	Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
	Planning Scheme	HO88		Listed
	Register of the National Estate	100609		Recommended

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking

Assessed & protected

Stage 2 priority

No Action: Already include

Final Ranking

Regional significance

Final Recommendation

Statement of significance

A landmark building which is a significant part of the heritage of Sale as evidence of an important stage in the development of Sale's regional hospital incorporating two buildings to house nursing staff. The later building is an outstanding example of Modern architecture in the region representing the work of a prominent local architect, S. P. Ashton. The building is also evidence of strong local sentiment as the building was largely a product of voluntary donations and design services.(A.4, B.2, F.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography Sale Heritage Study

(1) Plans held at Museum.

(2) Annual Report, Gippsland Base Hospital 1933-34; Wilson, C., 'Early History of Gippsland Base Hospital', (Unpublished ins); Andrew, A., + Edwards, A., 'Two Turrets and a Dome'.

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