

Royal Mail Hotel (former) (Paeroa RSA Club)



Location: Corner, 67-69 Belmont Road and Wharf Street, Paeroa

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number: 4608

Historic Places Trust Category: Category 2 - Registered Historic Place

HDC Heritage Category: A - Heritage Feature. National or Outstanding Regional Significance

Other:

Physical Description: Mid 1920s two storey building with steel casement windows and concrete construction. A balcony opens off the first floor.

Other known names: Returned Services Association (RSA) Club

Notable features:

Style: Beaux Arts

Materials: Concrete, steel, corrugated iron

Date of Construction: 1926

History: The original Royal Mail Hotel was built on the present site on the corner of Normanby Road and Wharf Street. It was built by Mr George Crosby in 1895. At that time it was the largest hotel in Paeroa, it had 50 rooms of which 40 were bedrooms. There were two private sitting rooms on the first floor and five on the ground floor. The dining room measured 70 feet by 40 feet and it also contained a billiard room. From 1909 when Prohibition was rolled in, the Royal Mail Hotel became a boarding house until it was completely destroyed by fire which started at 1 am on Monday 12th February 1912. This was with the

District Plan Schedule

Number: HAU015

Heritage Category: A

Heritage Type:

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

Date Period:

1911-1940

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

Historic Heritage Inventory



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The section remained vacant except for hoardings advertising the programs at the picture theatre until 1925-1926 when Mrs C.V. Crosby, backed by the breweries (following the roll-back of prohibition), rebuilt the Royal Mail. This continued until it was sold to the Paeroa Returned Services Association on the 11th of June 1973.

The Paeroa RSA Club is built in the Beaux Arts style. The structure has less embellishment than many Beaux Arts buildings, but features major elements of the style such as arched windows, low-pitched hipped roof, balustrade window sills and window crown embellishments. The upper storey fenestration includes rectangular multi-light windows with semi circular fan transoms, architrave surrounds with knotted garlands and ornamental keystones/escutcheons on the window crown. There are also rectangular multi-light windows which feature plaques with decorative surrounds above the window crowns. The windows with fan transoms are recessed, which emphasises the projecting panels they are set in. Both street facades feature pediments.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: Club rooms/buildings

Former Uses: Public Hotel

Registered owner: The Paeroa Returned Services Association Inc

Legal Description: Lots 30,31, 32 Pt Lot 33 Blk C DP 247

Reference Source:

Associated Pictures: