



Barwon Club Hotel **509 Moorabool Street**

History

A hotel was first recorded on this site in 1859. In 1910 the Barwon Club hotel replaced the older Barwon Bridge Hotel. Mrs H. White was listed as the proprietor of the newly constructed hotel. The rate books described the dwelling as a two storey brick bar with eleven rooms and stables. By 1930 the hotel keeper was Mary Ryan who retained ownership until at least 1950. In recent time the property has had a number of different owners.

Description

The Barwon Club Hotel is an example of a double storey Queen Anne Federation building with unusual details. The asymmetrical facade is constructed of red brick walling with stucco sections and features a hip roof with projecting gables. Unusual details include a semi-circular entrance element on the corner, half timbered effect in the gables with Art Nouveau curvilinear pieces, a balcony on the north facade with timber Doric columns, and segmental arches and label moulds above the ground floor openings. The Hotel has an assortment of windows, and a rendered horizontal band with lettering which wraps around the middle of the double storey section and crowns the single storey section at the rear. A new window has been added on the west facade that is not appropriate to the style of the building.

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Significance

The Barwon Club Hotel has architectural significance at a local level. It is an unusual example of Queen Anne Federation architecture which is substantially intact. The building retains characteristic siting and form typical of the Federation period and has notable details, including a semi-circular corner entrance, an assortment of windows, Art Nouveau decoration, and timber Doric columns.