

Building:

146 - 148 Johnston Street



Allotment Reference: 80  
National Trust Register: --  
National Estate Register: --  
Historic Buildings Council Register: --  
Location within Precinct: Collingwood Flat Precinct  
Photograph Date: 18.8.87  
Grantee: Hughes and Hoskins  
Original Owner:  
Present Owner:  
Original Use: Shop and house  
Present Use:  
Construction Date: 1875 - 79  
Architect:  
Builder:

Description:

A four roomed pair of brick shops with altered elevation to street including cantilevered verandah. Original elements include the remaining walls (upper portion at front coincides with work to Johnston Street elevation), Wunderlich ceiling linings to two front rooms (?) vents, two rear corridors and architraves. A concrete patio yard at the rear has a recent corrugated iron clad factory at the Sackville Street end, whilst walk ways provide access on either side to Johnston Street and a r.o.w. leads north to Sackville Street.

Condition:

Fair

Integrity:

Poor

History:

In 1874, James P. Foster owned a house on this site and by 13.1.75 a shop had been built there ("cottage and shop" RB). Foster owned a vacant block to one side which he had built a house on by 1879. They remained in his possession in 1888 (RB), passing to Eliza Foster by 1892 (RB). Louis Arent had acquired them by 1895.

In 1893, John Wren established his tote at no. 136 Johnston Street which corresponds in the 1896 (RB) with Louis Arent's shop. The tote, itself, was actually situated behind the shop, whilst the pedestrian "escapes routes" from this area, of which there were three, still remain.

Significance:

The shops at nos. 146-148 Johnston Street are of interest today as the "front" to John Wren's tote, of which nothing appears to remain save the site and pedestrian access/escape routes.

Recommendations:

Recommended for planning scheme protection.

References:

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Brennan, N. John Wren gambler his life and times, Hill of content.

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