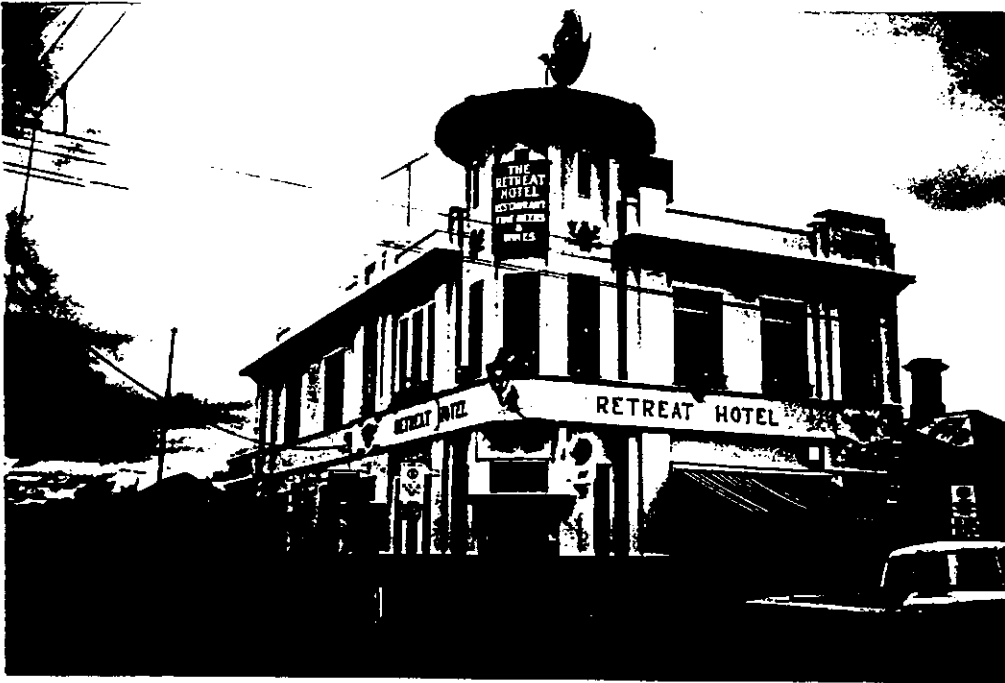


Building: "The Retreat Hotel"
Address: 226 Nicholson Street



Allotment Reference: 76
National Estate Register: -
Historic Buildings Council Register: -
National Trust Register: -
Location within Precinct: Collingwood Flat (Abbotsford)
Photo Date: November 1989
Grantee: C.J. Garrard
Original Owner: -
Present Owner: -
Original Use: Hotel
Present Use: Hotel
Construction Date: c.1915

Architect:

Builder:

Description:

A two storey stuccoed Edwardian hotel with a semi-circular corner turret. The ground floor has a tiled dado, and the facade is surmounted by a bracketted ledge and simple parapet. The roof is lined with terra cotta tiles. Narrow windows to the ground floor have art nouveau stained glass, and the upper storey windows have square pattern leadlight glazing.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good. No. 322 has an altered shopfront, but No. 325 has its original shop window openings and corner doorway intact. The original verandah, which extended partly down Nicholson Street, has been removed.

History:

"The Retreat" hotel was in existence on this as early as 1873 (Cole). Robert Enfield was the licensed victualler in 1885 (RB). The present building is c.1915.

Significance:

"The Retreat" hotel is a prominent and distinctive public building in Abbotsford showing Arts and Crafts influence and occupying a site used as a hotel since the mid-Victorian period. It compares with the former Sir Charles Hotham Hotel, Melbourne (corner Spencer and Flinders Street).

Recommendations:

Recommended for planning scheme protection

References:

Rate Books

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