

Building:

Former Albert Hall

Address:

127-129 Queens Parade



Allotment Reference:

Section 4, Lot 5

National Estate Register:

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Historic Buildings Council Register:

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National Trust Register:

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Location within Precinct:

Clifton Hill Western Residential Precinct

Photo Date

August, 1988

Grantee:

G. Dainton, 1-11-1865

Original Owner:

William Holgate

Present Owner:

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Original Use:

Public Hall

Present Use:

Offices for John Gurry, Robert Pierce and Graham Bolton, architects.

Construction Date: 1886, altered 1927

Architect:

Builder:

Description: A large hall with neo-classical stuccoed facade consisting of main pediment with entablature and supporting pilasters to the upper level only. A plain lower facade is relieved by flanking double doors with fluted pilasters supporting pediments above.

Inside, the staircase and domed plaster ceiling to the former hall are intact.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good

History: In 1885 William Holgate, an auctioneer, and William Hall, a builder, owned land and foundations on the south side of Heidelberg Road between Gold and Wellington Streets. In 1886, the building was completed and known as the "Albert Hall". The entrance to the hall was flanked by a shop each side, (1885, 1886 RB).

By 1891, the property was leased to George Kirk, a printer. In 1900 Holgate continued as owner with Kirk tenant. One shop was leased to Ernest William, a solicitor who used it as an office. The other shop was vacant, (1891 1901 RB).

In 1927 the building was rebuilt, the foundation stone being laid in January by William Kitchens, W.M., to commemorate the 40th year of Albert Victor (Iodge No. 117).

Significance: The former "Albert Hall" was an important social venue in the locality throughout the late nineteenth and early-mid twentieth century, its architectural form in the Queens Parade streetscape being expressive of this role.

Recommendations: Recommended for Planning Scheme protection.

References: Rate Books

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