

Building:

Sir Robert Peel Hotel, n.w.
corner Wellington and Peel
Streets.



Allotment Reference:

53

National Trust Register:

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National Estate Register:

Recommended

Historic Buildings Register:

Recommended

Location within Precinct:

Collingwood Slope

Photograph Date:

9.6.87

Grantee:

S.A. Donaldson

Original Owner:

Carlton Brewery Co.
(refer note under "Bendigo
Hotel").

Present Owner:

Original Use:

Hotel

Present Use:

Hotel

Construction Date:

1912

Architect:

Sydney Smith and Ogg

Builder:

Description:

A two storeyed brick Edwardian Hotel with corner oriel tower and domed roof carried on Ionic order columns with arched "ashlar" brick infills. Identical pedimented projections face Peel and Wellington Streets and have decorated tympana, and brackets supporting a balcony with bellied iron balustrades. Generally, stuccoed dressings and panels relieve the brick surfaces.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

The brick and stuccoed surfaces have been painted, and a brick tiled dado provided at street level.

History:

In 1858 John Wood of the Yorkshire Brewery, was the publican of a hotel on this site. In 1887 it was purchased by the Carlton Brewing Company from Edward Latham, who was an owner of the Carlton Brewery from 1865 to 1882. Latham also owned the "Bendigo Hotel" at this time when many hotels were being taken over by the breweries with a view to improving standards. In 1901 the architects, Sydney Smith and Ogg undertook additions to the toilets and wash house and in 1912, the former building was demolished and replaced with the present structure designed by the same architects. In 1926 Sydney Smith and Ogg undertook alterations, and in 1967 extensive renovations to the bars were made and the facade painted.

Significance:

The "Sir Robert Peel Hotel" is important as a prominently situated classically inspired hotel with characteristics of the Edwardian architectural period. It is substantially intact and an important work of the noted hotel architects, Smith and Ogg.

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the Historic Buildings Council Register, the National Estate Register and for Planning Scheme protection. Paint removal using approved techniques is recommended.

References:

Daws, K., and MacAllester, J., "Hotels with corner towers in Fitzroy and Collingwood", (nd) M.U. School of Architecture undergrad. history essay.

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