

St Andrew's Hall, 206 Market Street South

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Hastings CBD Heritage Inventory Project



ST ANDREW'S HALL



LOCATION:

Street and Number: 206 Market Street South

City / Town: Hastings

Region: Hawke's Bay

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Legal Description: Part Lot 1 DP 2261 St Andrews Hall

Certificate of Title: HB68/199

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Architectural Value:

St Andrew's Hall has architectural value for its blend of styles (Spanish Mission and Art Deco); for its tall loggia with triple arches, and its composition of interesting forms to make a building that is quite distinctive.

Historic Value:

St Andrew's Hall has been in continuous use by the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church community since its construction in 1935; it stands on land that has been associated with the church since 1883, so that it has strong historic value for the church, representative of the role that it has played in the religious life of the city.

Aesthetic Value:

The aesthetic value of the building derives from its prominence in the townscape. It is a minor landmark in an area where it does not benefit from the proximity of other period buildings, yet it stands dignified and proud, and enhances the townscape value of this part of Market Street South.

HISTORY:

In 1909 a new St Andrew's Presbyterian Church was built across the road (302 Market Street South) from the existing Church at 206 Market Street South. After the new church was constructed, the St Andrew's Sunday School occupied the old church at 206 Market Street South. In 1935 St Andrew's Hall was constructed in replacement of the old church (erected in 1883) for use by the Sunday School.¹ The new hall was built and furnished at a cost of £4350 and housed the Sunday School, Bible classes, and other needs of the congregation². The St Andrew's Hall is still in existence in 2009 and is used for a variety of Church activities and organizations as well as by many community groups such as Sport Hawke's Bay and Alcoholics Anonymous. The building is owned by the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Architect: R.F. Campbell

Builder: R.F. Campbell

Date of construction: 1935 (foundation stone was laid 30 May 1935)

Construction details: Understood to be solid plaster on wire netting on timber framing.

Description: St Andrew's Hall is quite individual in its design and style. The central and strong feature of the building is a three-arched loggia, framed on either side by tall rusticated columns; the arches are semi-circular and give a Spanish Mission quality to the building. At parapet level there is strict geometric patterning in a long band, an Art Deco influence. These themes, of semi-circular opening and patterned banding, continue in the set back walls of the main body of the hall.

¹ Heretaunga Intermediate School, 1961 *From Swamp to City*.

² The Rev. J.A. Asher (Ed.)(1935) *Historical Survey of the Presbytery of Hawke's Bay*

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The plaster of the loggia and columns has been raked to give the appearance of stonework, while the main entrance doors are the original timber joinery, with chamfered glass; elsewhere, the windows have been changed to aluminium.

The building stands on its own, with open space on both sides, and somewhat out on its own in terms of the main groupings of heritage buildings in Heretaunga Street West, two blocks away. But it has strong landmark qualities because of its size and the arresting design.

ELEMENTS OF ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Element	Significance
Exterior form and detail	Architectural, aesthetic
Timber structure	Technical

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES:

Heretaunga Intermediate School, 1961 *From Swamp to City*.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

NZHPT Register: Not registered.

District Plan: The building is not specifically listed in the Hastings District Plan as a Heritage item, and is not located within the Central Character Precinct.

New Zealand Historic Places Act 1993: This site has not been identified as a potential archaeological site under Section 2 of the New Zealand Historic Places Act 1993.

ARCHIVE PLAN(S):

Details St Andrews Hall, Hastings (undated) (TRIM Ref 21447#0005)



