87 Grove Street

B ranked heritage item in the operative NRMP
Not listed by HNZPT

Lot 2 DP 3357 & Pt Lot 2 DP 851


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Modified 1884 hotel built on site of 1858 hotel of the same name: Bush Tavern. Extended 1966 and converted to accommodation use only in 2015.

Alterations and additions, including the 1966 single-storey wing on the west elevation*, stucco plaster cladding,* and changes to the ground floor fenestration (south-facing façade) in 2015, have compromised the authenticity of the building.

Assessment: The hotel has been modified and there is insufficient evidence to merit scheduling according to the assessment criteria. The building has a typical, rather than notable, history and only the building envelope and some of the fenestration embody the presumed historic form and fabric of the hotel.

Recommendation: Delete from heritage schedule. Note as a pre-1900 archaeological site.

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Assessment according to the heritage criteria:

Historic And Social Significance
The Bush Inn is not associated with a notable person or event and has modest historic and social value as a hospitality building, now solely in accommodation use, which reflects the social patterns of the day.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance
The Bush Inn has modest cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of the hotel's former publicans and patrons.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance
The Bush Inn has limited architectural value as a modified late Victorian hotel. The building is not a significant or authentic example of its style. The designer is unknown.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance
The Bush Inn has limited value under this criteria given its modified state and diminished authenticity. The builder is unknown.

Archaeological Significance
The site of the Bush Inn has potential archaeological significance given the colonial development of the property.

Scientific Significance
The Bush Inn may have minor scientific value for its potential to provide further information about the original design and construction of the building and its history of modification.

Group, Landmark And Contextual Significance
The Bush Inn has some contextual value as a building that contributes to the mixed-use historic character of The Wood.

Summary Statement
The Bush Inn is a modified late Victorian hotel. While it is still in hospitality use and contributes to the historic character and amenity of Grove Street, the building has been substantially modified and embodies modest historic and limited architectural qualities.

Recommendation
Delete this item from Appendix 1 as it does not meet the heritage assessment criteria.

References:
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Appearance of the building before the 2015 alterations. Google Maps.