

Site of International Hotel – A052

Type of Site: Archaeological
Group: Transient Accommodation
Category: Hotel
Local Govt. Area: Armidale Dumaresq
Location: Armidale
Address/Location: 140 Miller Street
LDPNo: Lot 1 DP 1047203



InternationalHotel-1965plan

Detail from the 1965 Plan of Armidale (footprint shading added).



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Description:

The 1965 plan places a large footprint here. Further investigation required.

History:

The hotel was opened in 1883 by Mary Ann Connelly, concurrent with the opening of the Railway nearby. It was advertised as the “closest hotel to the station” and operated until 1928. The level crossing was just down the road to the north - the hotel an obvious place to spend time when the gates were shut. This was the main route into town at the time, the Great Northern Road, crossing the line along Niagara St and turning into Rusden St. where the Steam Engine (built 1882), later the Grand Hotel was situated (Cady: 39, 44).

Significance:

Local. The hotel represents the era of town development (and hotel construction) which emerged in response to the connection to the railway system. It meets Criteria A and E.

Condition:

It has recently been built over by a brick shopping complex which continues further to the west, the specific site being occupied in 2004 by ‘Julie’s Material World’. This has been dug down into the ground, removing any potential subsurface remains. The actual corner is left vacant; part of the earlier structure may lie beneath this.

Archaeological Potential:

Low

Recommendation:

Schedule for listing

Investigations Required:

Archaeological assessment before any major subsurface disturbance of the eastern side of the open area on the corner.

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REFERENCES AND RELATED RECORDS:

Local Government Area:

Armidale Dumaresq

Maps:

1965 City of Armidale Plan

People:

Connelly, Mary

Theme(s):

Local: Railway town

Commerce - Hotels

Leisure

Publications, Theses, Reports:

Cady, Bruce, We Never Had To Go Far For A Drink: Pubs In Armidale, Armidale and District Historical Society Journal and Proceedings, 34, 1991: 29-46., 1991.