

Item name: Hotel - Federal - Patchwork Inn B & B

Location: 171- 173 Hoskins Street Temora 2666

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Address: 171- 173 Hoskins Street

Planning: Southern & Western

Suburb/nearest town: Temora 2666

Local govt area: Temora

State: NSW

Parish:

County:

Other/former names: Previously: The Federal Hotel, Original Hotel On The Site Was Grenfell Hotel.

Area/group/complex: Central Conservation Area

Group ID: 1

Aboriginal area: Wiradjuri

Curtilage/boundary:

Item type: Built

Group: Commercial

Category: Other - Commercial

Owner:

Admin codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current use: Retail.

Former uses: Hotel.

Assessed significance: Local

Endorsed significance:

Statement of significance: A prominent two storey building in the middle of the eastern side block of Hoskins Street, between Loftus and Victoria Streets, featuring a vehicle / carriage entrance from the street towards its north end with shops adjoining including a mens' barber shop, conducted at various times by Mr. Lindsay De Mamiel, and Lynch brothers. # 4701901 on the Australian Institute of Architects (NSW) registry listing.

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Historical notes of provenance: This building was formerly the Federal Hotel. The site was in the very early days occupied by the original Grenfell Hotel, also known as Press's Hotel. This hotel burned down in a spectacular fire on 1st April, 1901, together with several other shops in the vicinity. In 1903 it was valued at 1200 pounds. R. J. King and then his wife Elizabeth Ann King, owned it until 1949. George Elliott was the lessee from at least 1903 until c1920. In the 1905-06 rate period, George Williams had a shop within the building. Its value in 1905 was 1,200 pounds, becoming 1,300 pounds in 1906. In 1908 Mrs L.H.G. Hughes was listed as widow-occupier, while the property was valued at 2,740 pounds. Its 1911-13 value was 2,800 pounds, followed in 1912-14 as 3,700 pounds. From the 1914-19 rates, R.J. King's widow Elizabeth Agnes King was the owner, and Owen Smith the lessee and the sub-lessee was George Elliott. In 1920-22 Owen Smith was still the lessee. The 1940 Rates showed its value as 6,000 pounds and E. A. King the owner. In the 1947-49 Rates, the property was owned by the estate of Elizabeth Agnes King. Lessees included the Shields family in the mid 1950's. According to the date on the façade, the Federal Hotel building was built in 1912. However, it may have been in use before that date. Along with other buildings in Temora's main street, it lost its verandah balcony and posts in the late 1960's campaign to get rid of verandah posts in the town. This was replaced by the current (2007) suspended awning. Even though the Federal Hotel was of solid brick construction, unlike the earlier Grenfell Hotel, its life as a licensed hotel was brought to a sudden close when a disastrous fire in the bar and other parts of the ground floor took place on Saturday, 24th February, 1996. Fortunately, the hotel was vacant at the time of the fire, which was discovered by a passer-by shortly before 1-30 a.m. While the fire damage appeared to be mainly confined to the lower floor and bar area, there was smoke and heat damage to the upper level. Damage was estimated at \$50,000, and it appears that the owners at the time made no attempt to repair or rebuild the hotel. Then Barry Smith owned it for a short time. It was subsequently purchased by Mr. Graham Granleese in 1996. Since then the building has been beautifully renovated and has been occupied by Mrs Helen Granleese as "Patches of Heaven", specialising in handicraft and other specialised services, as well as catering for overnight accommodation. Paul & Theresa McCrone bought the building from Granlon Pty Ltd 12 September 2006 and operate a 15 bedroom Bed & Breakfast upstairs trading under the name of Patchwork Inn B & B. Helen Granleese operates at street level a fabric/gift shop known as "Patches of Heaven" where the old bar was located. Belinda Maxwell has operated her beautician business from 171 Hoskins Street shop since 10 December 2003. The ground level building on the north side of the Hoskins street carriage-way entrance is currently (2007) occupied by the South West Slopes Credit Union. Previously it had been Lynch's Hairdressing.

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The Federal Hotel was of a solid brick construction (unlike the earlier Grenfell Hotel), but it too was brought to a sudden close when a disastrous fire in the bar and other parts of the ground floor took place on Saturday, 24th February, 1996. Fortunately the hotel was vacant at the time of the fire, which was discovered by a passer-by shortly before 1:30am. While the fire damage appeared to be mainly confined to the lower floor and bar area, there was smoke and heat damage to the upper level. Damage was estimated at \$50,000 and it appears that the owners at the time made no attempt to repair or rebuild the hotel.

The Federal Hotel building was advertised for sale by tender on Thursday, 8th May, 1997. There was interest at the time by the Temora Shire Council and the Community Centre to turn the facility into a Tourist Information Centre, Community Art Gallery, Community Centre and options to incorporate a permanent home for Playgroup. This proposal was based on receiving substantial grant funding, however the proposal did not eventuate. Barry & Gai Smith and Rob & Lyn Cartwright bought the premises at tender, and then sold off the licence to a hotel in Sydney for the upcoming 2000 Olympics. They then sold the building to Granlon Pty Ltd in 1996 (which was a syndicate of Mr & Mrs Graeme & Helen Granleese & Mr & Mrs Bill & Libby Hanlon). Granlon Pty Ltd beautifully renovated the building and converted the front lower section of the hotel for retail usage. They then turned the rear section and upper level into a Bed and Breakfast style accommodation.

This similar usage has continued with the new owners Mr & Mrs Paul and Theresa McCrone; the accommodation is called Patchwork Inn B & B accommodation. Cellar The cellar is still able to be accessed through

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the front retail shop, however, the timber has been unfortunately taken to by termites. The beer lines are still intact and the old ice tongs are kept down there for luck. Metal Gates The metal gates that are now locking off the access from the main street to the rear of the premises are believed to be from the Old Temora Cemetery. Unique Stories Ghosts A lady clairvoyant once stayed in the B & B accommodation approximately in 2013 and stated that there was a little girl ghost named 'Belle Belle' that was gracing her presence in the upper level of the building. Belle Belle had apparently fallen off a clairvoyant said that Belle Belle was dressed in a tunic dress and that her parents wanted her to go home. Belle Belle was sent home by the clairvoyant and remarkably funny occurrences then too vanished. The vacuum never went off again and the doors and windows in rooms 7 & 9 were able to be closed during the day. The lady clairvoyant story supports a guest stating at an earlier time, that one night she was awoken by a little girl tugging on her sleeve and the girl requested her to get up and play. Similar instances have occurred in the premises of the Credit Union; funny unexplainable things have happened over the years.

Licensees

1909-1919 Mr Owen Smith
1923-1925 Mr CR Nitschke
1925-1927 RCJ Sweeney
1928 Andrew M Jack
1929 Reuben Corby
1929 Stan Wolff
1930 TK Morrow
1931 JP Payne
1932 Mrs E White
1932 WO Piekering
1932 Mrs E McLiver
1932 Flo Hopkins
1935 Sydney Young
1935 Ernest Brown
1935 Sydney Buckley
1936 JJ Frize
1937 M Keane
1937 Stuart Beach
1939 J McCarthy
1941 ?
1946 William J ?
1948 Stephen George Shute
1952 Herbert Allen Pottie
1954 John Jacobsen
1956 John Dudley Perfrement
1957 Robert Cecil Shields
1962 Elva Elsie
1965 NA & DG Frank
1971 HS & LE Lollette
1972 AT & CS Elliott
1974 TD & JA Sheppeard
1975 AS & DE Wise
1976 GJ & JM Lee
1980 Ray & Diane
1984 ?
1996 Michael Madrussen

Themes: National theme

3. Economy
8. Culture

State theme

Commerce
Leisure

Local theme

Designer:

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Builder:**Year started:** 1900**Year completed:** 1912**Circa:** Yes**Physical description:** Comments - fine example of early hotel with adaptive new uses.**Physical condition
level:****Physical condition:** Architectural quality - very high.**Archaeological
potential level:****Archaeological
potential Detail:****Modification dates:****Recommended
management:** Consider verandah reinstatement.**Management:** **Management category****Management name****Further comments:** Painting scheme - good existing scheme. Contributes to streetscape - Yes, critical.**Criteria a):** Evolution - Yes. Association - Yes.
[Historical
significance]**Criteria b):**
[Historical
association
significance]**Criteria c):** Yes.
[Aesthetic/
Technical
significance]**Criteria d):** Yes.
[Social/Cultural
significance]**Criteria e):**
[Research
significance]**Criteria f):** Yes.
[Rarity]**Criteria g):** Yes.
[Representative]**Intactness/Integrity:**

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References: Author**Title**

Historic Hotels of Temora, - Pub Crawl.

Year

2004

Studies: Author**Title****Number****Year****Parcels:** Parcel code

LOT

Lot number

4

Section number**Plan code**

DP

Plan number

758957

Latitude:**Longitude:****Location validity:****Spatial accuracy:****Map name:****Map scale:****AMG zone:****Easting:****Northing:****Listing:** Name**Title**

Heritage study

Number**ListingDate****Data entry:** Data first entered: 25/06/2004

Data updated: 10/10/2017

Status: Completed