Item Details

Name

Imperial Hotel

SHR/LEP/S170

SHR #00114

Address

1 Rooty Hill Road North ROOTY HILL NSW 2766

Local Govt Area

Blacktown

Local Aboriginal Land Council

Deerubbin

Item Type	Group/Collection	Category
Built	Commercial	Hotel

All Addresses

Addresses

Records Retrieved: 3

Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
cnr	Rooty Hill Road and North Parade	ROOTY HILL/NSW/2766	Blacktown	Unknown	Rooty Hill	Cumberland	MOUNT DRUITT	Alternate Address
	North Parade	ROOTY HILL/NSW/2766	Blacktown	Unknown	Rooty Hill	Cumberland	MOUNT DRUITT	Alternate Address
1	Rooty Hill Road North	ROOTY HILL/NSW/2766	Blacktown	Deerubbin	Rooty Hill	Cumberland	MOUNT DRUITT	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

The Imperial Hotel was built in 1890 to cater for the crowds who arrived by train to attend the greyhound racing at Plumpton. A significant architectural landmark and social meeting point (LEP listing, 2002).

Owners

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Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer   **Builder/Maker**

Physical Description   **Updated**

A two storey corner hotel in brickwork and cement render with verandah to the street frontage at the first floor level having cast iron lace balustrading and cast iron columns (LEP, 2002). The hotel abuts the corner, with a beer garden to the southwest alongside North Avenue, and car parking area to the north facing Rooty Hill Road. A number of additions have been made to the rear of the building over time, including a single storey section that has been altered, along with a c.1995 addition which infilled the courtyard facing North Parade which created a bistro at the rear (GSA, 2006).

Physical Condition   **Updated** 02/08/2007

Internally much of the original and early building fabric survives including timber staircase, several fireplaces, various ceiling linings (plaster, timber and pressed metal), decorative plaster cornices and details. (1995).

Modifications And Dates

Later single storey additions immediately behind the original two storey hotel. Unsympathetic and of little/no intrinsic heritage value (Rod Howard, HIS, 1995).
1987: work on entry foyer
1990: accomodation converted to office space
1995: restoration works, alterations and additions.

Further Comments

Current Use

hotel

Former Use

hotel

Listings

Listings

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Heritage Listing	**Listing Title**	**Listing Number**	**Gazette Date**	**Gazette Number**	**Gazette Page**
Local Environmental Plan	Imperial Hotel		4/12/2002 12:00:00 AM	72	
Local Environmental Plan		1988	1/3/1992 12:00:00 AM	002	34
Heritage Act - State Heritage Register		00114	4/2/1999 12:00:00 AM	27	1546
National Trust of Australia register	Imperial Hotel	8568			
Heritage Act - Permanent Conservation Order - former		00114	5/1/1981 12:00:00 AM	64	2456

Procedures/Exemptions

Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
57(2)	Exemption to allow work	Standard Exemptions		11/9/2020 12:00:00 AM	

History

Historical Notes or Provenance   **Updated**

The Imperial Hotel was built as two storeys in 1890 to cater for the crowds who arrived by train to attend the greyhound racing at Plumpton (LEP listing, 2002). FJ Weston of Horsley Park developed the hotel that was opened on 12 August 1890. At the time Rooty Hill was part of the St. Mary's Parish. The locality was identified on maps as early as 1803 and known by the name of Rooty Hill by 1810.

The area is associated with government administration with a reserve for Government owned cattle. It is identified with a number of prominent landowners, including Walter Lamb who established a cnanery and fruit preserving works at his Woodstock estate in Plumpton (Rooty Hill) in 1884, in addition to his pastoral activities. It was also the locality of early wine growing at Minchinbury, the estate of Dr Charles Mackay, to the south of the railway line. The Great Western Railway line gave impetus to the development of Rooty Hill, with the station serving hte vineyards and the cannery. A public school was opened in 1875 and the School of Arts (1902) was the venue for the first meeting of Blacktown Council in 1906. Blacktown was proclaimed a shire in 1906.

At the time of the hotel's opening Rooty Hill appears to have been a growing centre with a number of local shops and private residences, which were augmented by the hotel. The hotel prospered early on with crowds attracted to the coursing (a form of greyhound racing) which was established at Lamb's Woodstock Coursing Track. (GSA, 2006, p6). The racetrack was a focus for local community activity, but business went into decline and the licence to sell beer was transferred to Wallacia in 1936.

It operated as a wine bar owned by Penfolds Wines, but became semi-derelict by the early 1970s. A local dentist purchased the hotel in 1977, when the hotel was boarded up. The National Trust classified the property in 1976, leading to a PCO in 1981. Building applications were lodged with council 1981-82 and the hotel reopened in 1982.

A single storey extension was constructed in c1995 along North Parade filling in a semi-enclosed courtyard. A pepper tree (Schinus molle var. areira) in the beer garden area near North Parade appears to be 40 to 50 years old (Tall Timbers, 2005). There is evidence of past specimens of pepper trees on this site.

Historic Themes

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
8. Culture	Sport	Racing greyhound dogs
8. Culture	Leisure	Going to the racetrack
8. Culture	Leisure	Gathering at landmark places to socialise
5. Working	Labour	Working in places of public entertainment
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Creating landmark structures and places in regional settings
4. Settlement	Land tenure	Changing land uses - from rural to suburban
4. Settlement	Land tenure	Sub-division of large estates
4. Settlement	Accommodation	Accommodating travellers and tourists
3. Economy	Transport	Coaching Inns along roads
3. Economy	Transport	Development in response to railway lines
3. Economy	Commerce	Innkeeping

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0

Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 0

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
No Results Found					

Reference & Internet Links

References

Records Retrieved: 1

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	GSA Planning	2006	Heritage Impact Statement - minor alterations to No.1 Rooty Hill Road North	

Data Source

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