CAMPBELLTOWN TOWN HALL

Lot 103 DP 621563 No. 315 Queen Street, Campbelltown

Built 1891-92

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

The Municipal District of Campbelltown was proclaimed in 1882. The then Temperance Hall in Queen Street, built by James Bocking and his Sons of Temperance in 1862, was purchased in April 1884 for 800 pounds for a Town Hall. This hall, 20m x 11m, with a 7.6m x 5.5m stage, could seat 400 people and was lit be kerosene lamps.

A fire station designed by Alfred Rose Payten, was built by George Lusted next door to the Town Hall in 1891. Almost immediately it was taken over by Council for the Clerk's Office and the following year a matching façade, also designed by Payten, was added to the Town Hall. The Board of Fire Commissioners threatened Court action to retrieve the fire station, but in 1909 it accepted 75 pounds from Council for the premises.

The façade of the fire station and town hall is decorated in solid late Victorian style, and this is the main character of these buildings. These two buildings now appear as one.

CONDITION AND USE:

Recently painted (1993). Cantilevered awning added at a later date. Now used by the Campbelltown Theatre Group.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- The building has historic, architectural, aesthetic and group significance

- The Town Hall is an important building in the Queen Street townscape. This building marks the inauguration of local government in Campbelltown. The fire station is integrated visually with the Town Hall.

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 2002

STATE: *Proudfoot:* Index No. 75, Category 1

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