

Heritage Evaluation

Darby Building

8-18 Darby Street, Auckland Central



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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to consider the place located at 8-18 Darby Street, Auckland Central against the criteria for evaluation of historic heritage in the Auckland Unitary Plan.

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2.0 Identification

Site address	8-18 Darby Street, Auckland Central
Legal description	
and Certificate of	PT ALLOT 5 SEC 15
Title identifier	CT- 626/22
NZTM grid	
reference	X:1757297, Y:5920358
TOTOTOTO	7.1101201, 1.0020000
Ownership	Civic House Limited
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	Business - City Centre Zone
Unitary zoning	Queen Street Valley Precinct
Evicting cohoduled	
Existing scheduled item(s)	N/A
item(s)	IVA
Additional controls	N/A
Heritage New	
Zealand Pouhere	
Taonga listing details	N/A
ucialis	IV/A
	Yes
	The place is the site of human activity before 1900
Pre-1900 site	but is not recorded as an archaeological site and
(HNZPT Act 2014	has not been assessed to determine if it has
Section 6)	archaeological values.
CIII reference/e	NI/A
CHI reference/s	N/A
NZAA site record	
number/s	N/A
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3.0 Constraints

This evaluation does not include an evaluation of:

- archaeological values of the site and/or
- the importance of the place to mana whenua

The evaluation also does not address current structural integrity. Any comments regarding the condition of the building are based on a visual inspection only and this evaluation is not a condition report.

Fieldwork was conducted from Elliott and Darby Streets. The building is on a corner site and the northern and western facades can be easily viewed from the street. The remaining facades are adjoined to other buildings. There was minimal inspection of the interior during the site visits to the building in February and March 2017.

The evaluation is based on the availability of information provided or able to be sourced at this time, noting that additional research may yield new information.

4.0 Historical summary

There is evidence of pre-historic occupation of Tamaki Makaurau going back to at least 1450 AD. Maori settlements lined the Waihorotiu creek around what is now Queen Street. Archaeobotanical evidence suggests the area where lower Queen Street is, was once dense bush that was cleared for the cultivation of crops. The area between Wellesley and Victoria Streets was a flat swampy area feeding, Waihorotiu creek.

In 1840, Ngati Whatua, of Orakei, invited English settlers to share their land when they arrived. Auckland was the colonial capital of New Zealand from 1841 until 1865.³ During these early years commercial life centred around Shortland Street, Waterloo Quadrant and Princes Street. However, the town of Auckland expanded quickly and following a fire in 1858, development shifted to the Queen Street area.⁴



Figure 1: Detail of map of central Auckland 1908 showing the building on the corner of Elliott and Darby Street. The notation 3B refers to the building being three storeys and brick

From 1841, the Auckland Gaol and Supreme Court occupied the site boarded by Queen Street, Victoria Street West, Elliott Street and Darby Street. When the gaol was first established, this was the edge of town, in the swampy lands of the Waihorotiu creek. It was soon seen as an eyesore in the rapidly expanding town; and the gaol was relocated to Mt Eden in 1864/65. The land allotments on which the original gaol was situated were first offered for sale in 1864. It appears that the allotments did not sell and the fourteen allotments were put up for sale again in 1875 (see Figure 22).

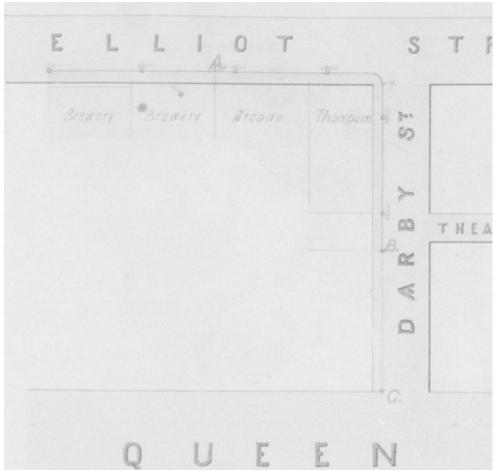


Figure 2: Detail from ACC015 - 1410 Darby and Elliot(t) Streets kerbing and channelling 1900. Showing H Thompson's name and the footprint of the new warehouse building.

It is likely that Darby Street was created as part of the 1875 subdivision as it appears on the subdivision plan of the old Supreme Court site (see Figure 22). Darby Street named after Patrick Darby, the proprietor of the Thistle Hotel on the corner of Queen Street and Darby Street. The Thistle Hotel was rebuilt in this location after a fire in 1863. Elliott Street was formed in the early years of colonial Auckland and features in Heaphy's 1851 Plan of the Town of Auckland.

In the nineteenth century, the land to the south of Darby Street had some modest timber shops between Queen and Elliott Streets and further south was the site of the Albert Brewery. The timber shops were destroyed in a fire in 1873 and slowly replaced with low rise commercial buildings. The brewery escaped the fire. By the final years of the nineteenth century, the Elliott/Darby Street area housed several warehouses and shops. As Auckland developed, the Queen Street area quickly became the key commercial area.



Figure 3: Thistle Hotel on the corner of Darby Street with the Strand Arcade (left) and Darby Building (right) 1918. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, 1-W1646B



Figure 4: Mr Patrick Darby—Daily Paper ', Observer, Volume XXIV, Issue 39, 11 June 1904. http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/new spapers/TO19040611.2.7.1

Patrick Darby immigrated to New Zealand from Ireland in 1856. He was, for a time, a member of the Auckland City Board and a property speculator. He had ten children. Several of his sons succeeded him in business after his retirement, at the young age of 44.8 Patrick Darby was the first purchaser of allotment 5, section 15, in 1882, which ran the length of what was to become Darby Street, extending from Queen to Elliott Street.9 On the Queen Street Darby Street corner, Patrick Darby established the Thistle Hotel. The land was split into two titles in 1900, enabling the development of the rear lot.10

Darby Building on the corner of Elliott and Darby Streets was built in 1899/1900 for Herbert Thompson who leased the land from Patrick Darby. 11 Architect, Arthur P Wilson, prepared the plans and supervised the construction undertaken by Messrs Ferguson and Malcolm. The building was designed as two brick warehouses to be used for soft goods with four floors, including a half basement. The build was estimated to cost £5000. A newspaper report at the time stated:

"There will be a principal front entrance to each warehouse, and a separate one for goods, with a hydraulic lift. The façade will be divided

into bays, which will be further divided pilasters, and surmounted by ornamental cornices and pediments." ¹²

There are some obvious similarities between Darby Building and the neighbouring Strand Arcade, which was built in 1900 for Arthur Mielziner Myers and also designed by Arthur P Wilson. They share a similarity of style and proportioning. The Stand Arcade has a more refined and ornate design. In 1909, the Strand Arcade was severely damaged by fire. It was rebuilt shortly after to a similar design also by Arthur P Wilson. Where the two buildings had shared similarities in the detailing and window form, the rebuilt Strand Arcade was different, updated with the trends of the day. (See section 6.0 Comparative Analysis for more about the architecture of Arthur Wilson.)

In the early twentieth century, Herbert Thompson and Co. had warehouses in Auckland and Christchurch selling high quality drapery, sheets, towels, quilts, linens, furs, clothing etc..¹³ As well as commissioning the building for the warehousing business, Thompson also commissioned Arthur P Wilson to design and oversee the erection of his own house on the side of Mt Hobson, known as Capri in 1903. The large 20 room house was put up for sale in 1905 after the warehouse business went into liquidation and Thompson relocated to Christchurch.¹⁴

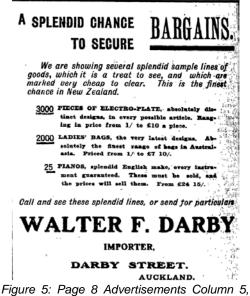


Figure 5: Page 8 Advertisements Column 5, Auckland Star, Volume XL, Issue 281, 25 November 1909. http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/A S19091125.2.85.5

Herbert Thompson's involvement in the Darby Building ceased in 1905. 15 When the company, Herbert Thompson and Co. went into liquidation, the Darby Street building was offered as part of the estate. 16 The Darby family retained ownership of the land. At this point, one of Patrick Darby's sons, Walter, was using some of the warehouse space for his importing business. Walter Darby ran a shop importing a range of items (drapery, clothing, cigars, cigarettes etc.) out of the building until he was made bankrupt in 1910. In addition, Patrick Darby passed away in 1910, after a number of years of illness. The ownership of the property passed to three of his sons, Joseph Darby (priest), Patrick Berchman Darby and Thomas Darby. 1

Perhaps due to the changing makeup of the Elliott/Darby/Queen Street area at this time, in 1913, E Mahoney & Son Architects were engaged to design changes to transform the ground floor of the warehouse building into six shops (see Appendix 5 Plans). ¹⁸ E Mahoney & Son along with Arthur P Wilson were key architects in Auckland at this time, designing many of the buildings within the commercial centre of the town. E Mahoney & Son had also worked for Patrick Darby and his sons in 1909 on the design of the Darby Building on Queen Street (now demolished).

In 1916, the estate of the late Patrick Darby offered up several properties for sale, including the Darby's warehouse building on Elliott Street, the Thistle Hotel and Darby Building on Queen Street. The warehouse got no bids and the other properties were passed in. ¹⁹ The Darby family retained ownership of the Elliott/Darby Street warehouse for several decades.



Figure 6: Showing the Guardian Assurance Building (left, fronts on to Queen Street) with premises in Darby Street, Auckland from left to right, Glo-Grae Boutique, Little S coffee bar, Mings Restaurant, S G Pascoe Limited, Progressive Books, Moira Foster Salon Limited. 1972 photographs by Les Downey. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, 314-6-14 and 314-6-13

There have been changes to the streetscape of the Elliott/Darby Street area. Slowly offices, restaurants and shops have replaced warehouses. The Thistle Hotel, the building neighbouring Darby Building on Darby Street, was demolished to make way for an office building in the early 1970s. The block facing Queen, Victoria, Elliott and Darby Streets, was developed into the National Bank Centre in the 1980s. The Western part of Elliott Street contains the retail development, Atrium on Elliott and a large site on the corner of Elliott and Victoria Streets remains undeveloped after buildings were demolished. It is currently used as a carpark. However, several early and important buildings still line Elliott Street including; the Strand Arcade, Smith and Caughey (Mahoney Building), Smith and Caughey (Lippincott Building), and Archibald Clark and Sons Warehouse (former).

Darby Building is well used. The ground floor has had many retail occupants over the years. The basement and first floor have been the home to restaurants and bars. More recently, the student haunt, Bar 101 has occupied the basement and part of the first floor. The ground floor shops have undergone numerous alterations. They bear little resemblance to the shop fronts detailed in E Mahoney and Son drawings from 1913, apart from the spacing of the six openings (see Appendix 5 Plans). However, the upper storeys have remained relatively untouched.

5.0 Physical description

Site

The building covers PT ALLOT 5 SEC 15 City AUCKLAND and CT-626/22. The building fronts Elliott Street and Darby Street and has full site coverage.

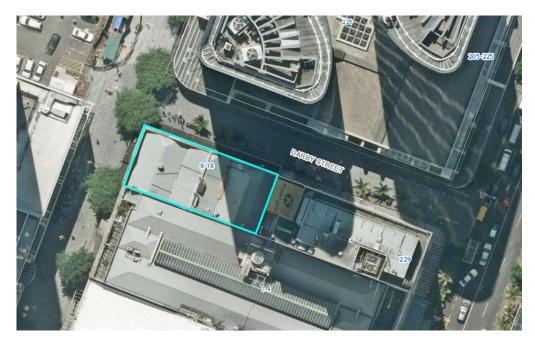


Figure 7: 8-18 Darby Street. Auckland Council GeoMaps 2017



Figure 8: 8-18 Darby Street. Auckland Council GeoMaps 2017

Context

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See appendix 2 for images of Elliott Street buildings and streetscape

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The building is on the corner of Elliott and Darby Streets, approximately 40 metres from Queen Street and 80 metres from Victoria Street. Darby and Elliott Streets are shared spaces' with heavy pedestrian traffic around this area,

¹ Shared spaces involve removing the traditional distinction between footpath and road so that vehicles and pedestrians can share the space.

frequenting the local retail and food establishments. The building is located within the Auckland CBD, which is bustling with office workers, shops, cafes and restaurants. Elliott Street has several shopping and dining establishments including Atrium on Elliott, Smith & Caughey's, the Strand Arcade and the Elliott Stables.

The buildings immediately adjacent are the Strand Arcade on Elliott Street (233-237 Queen Street. UPID 2038), built in 1900 and rebuilt after a fire in 1910 and a 1970s office building on Darby Street (229 Queen Street), which replaced the former Thistle Hotel.



Figure 9: Wellesley Street entrance to Elliott Street. Archibald Clark and Sons Warehouse (left) and Smith & Caughey (right). Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

The Darby Building is one of a group of heritage buildings within Elliott Street, which has helped the area to maintain a character feel. The heritage buildings include:

- Strand Arcade, UPID 02038
- Smith and Caughey, UPID 01952 and UPID 02087
- Archibald Clark and Sons Warehouse (former), UPID 02088
- 39 Elliott Street

The grouping of the buildings adds to the character of Elliott Street. There is juxtaposition on the street between the high quality heritage buildings and the large modern developments of Atrium on Elliott; Mid City and the National Bank Tower. This creates a visual contrast on the street.

Along Elliott Street are Southern Nettle trees; including one outside Darby Building on the corner of Elliott and Darby Streets. There are three nikau palms along the frontage to Darby Street.



Figure 10: View from Victoria Street West. With the National Bank Tower (left), Darby Building (centre) and the Strand Arcade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

Form

The building has three storeys plus a basement. The ground floor of the building houses retail, food establishments and an entrance to Bar 101 along Darby Street. The ground floor of the Elliott Street elevation has the main entrance to the building and the entrance to Bar 101.²⁰

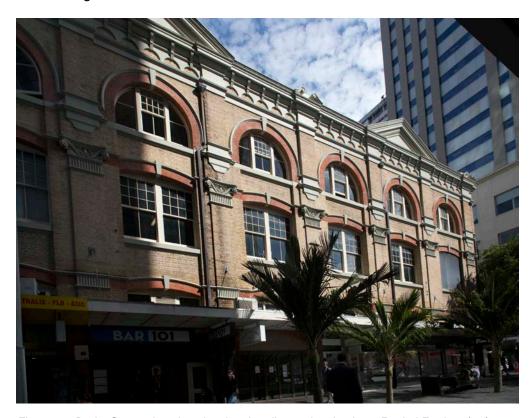


Figure 11: Darby Street elevation showing the nikau palm plantings. Rachel Ford, 04/04/2017

Building materials

The building has a brick exterior with rendered plaster detailing. While the first floor level and above comprise of a timber structural frame, the ground floor and basement possesses 1913 steel structural framework, timber window joinery exists on all windows, except three on the first floor, where the window joinery has been replaced with chain mesh. (see Figure 13).

Design

The building was designed by Arthur P Wilson in 1899 as a warehouse for Herbert Thompson.²¹ Wilson was a prolific designer in Auckland between the 1880s and the 1920s, who helped to shape Auckland into a vibrant Victorian

commercial centre. (More information about Arthur P Wilson in section 6.0 Comparative analysis).²²





Figure 12: View from Darby Street (left) and Elliott Street (right). Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

This Edwardian warehouse building is sturdy in design and construction typical of this period of commercial development. The brick facade of the building was designed in a style influenced by Richardsonian Romanesque. This is highlighted by the segmented-arch windows with accentuated keystone, regularity of the façade, and a low parapet wall with triangular pediments. The building also has many neo classical elements such as pilasters and the ionic capitals. The decorative rendered plaster elements stand out against the predominately brick façade.

There is an awning above the first floor shops. The suspended verandah, designed by E Mahoney & Son in 1913, part of the changes to the ground floor to turn it from warehousing to retail, has long been replaced.²³

The ground floor shop fronts have undergone extensive modifications and bear little resemblance to the plans drawn up from E Mahoney and Son in 1913 (see Figure 54). However, the upper storeys of the building exterior remain predominately original. Three windows on the first floor have been replaced with mesh, which detracts from the buildings character.

Additions and modifications

The following is a list of known modifications to the exterior of the Darby Building. A more comprehensive list of modifications can be found in appendix 1 or in the Auckland Council property file.

1913 Alteration to turn the ground floor into shops F Mahoney & Son.

10	10	Alteration to tall the ground hoor into shops	L Marioricy & Corr	
		and add awning		
19	18	Alterations to the awning	E Mahoney & Son	
19	38	New entrance to basement billiard saloon		
19	80	Remove internal brick walls and replace with		
		steel construction		
19	81	Remedial repairs to parapet (bracket bolted to		
		the inside of the parapet)		
19	89	New front doors Elliott Street		
19	97	Refurbishment of existing street verandah	Burgess +	Treep
		-	Architects	
20	07	Alterations to corner shop	_	

2013 Changes and refurbishment of Bar premises on level 1 and basement. Including removing the sash windows from three windows and adding a mesh

Although no plans were found at this time for the original design of the building, it is assumed that the ground floor has been substantially altered. However, the upper storeys are original and have helped to retain the historic character of the building. The 2013 alterations removing the sash windows and replacing with wire mesh has had a detrimental effect on the exterior. Despite this, the window openings retain their size and shape, and it would be possible to restore these windows if required in the future.



Figure 13: Detail of meshed out windows, first floor on Elliott Street. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

Current use

The ground floor is occupied by a variety of shops and on the corner a takeaway pizza restaurant. The basement and part of the first floor houses Bar 101. The rest of the building contains the offices of Smart Creative and Tanfield Potter, ceramic specialists." Despite changes to the exterior of the building, the upper floors have retained many of the original features, including some ornate cornicing and panelled walls (see Appendix 4 Photographs).

Key features:

- Original timber framed double hung sash windows
- Small timber panes to upper sashes
- · Segmented and semi-arches to windows with decorative keystones
- Regularity of façade
- Emphasised piers
- Triangular pediments
- Parapet

 Decorative plaster work, including ionic capitals and other neoclassical elements

Positioning of entrance ways and window openings

ⁱⁱ The shop was opened in 1861 and became known as Tanfield Potter & Co in 1895. It is one of the oldest businesses still operating in the CBD. It was originally situated on Queen Street and for sometime in the Civic House. It moved to the Darby warehouse building where it occupied the ground floor corner shop second floor before moving the shop the of the building. to http://www.aucklandbedandbreakfast.com/potter-stanton-the-start-of-the-courtville-years/

6.0 Comparative analysis

Architect: Arthur P Wilson

See appendix 2 for images of some of Arthur P Wilson's other commercial buildings.

Arthur Pollard Wilson (1851-1937) immigrated to New Zealand from England in 1882. Born and educated in London, he trained in the office of architect William Oakley for 10 years while he studied architecture at London University. He set up his own practice in London before deciding to immigrate to New Zealand.

Upon arrival Arthur Wilson established himself in Auckland and was a prolific designer of both commercial and residential properties from the 1880s until the 1920s. He went into partnership with F.L. Moodie in 1910. By the 1920s the firm had become Wilson, Moodie and Gillespie, with the addition of a third partner. Wilson was an active member of the architectural community and was elected to the New Zealand Institute of Architects in 1912.

The buildings designed by Arthur P Wilson and his contemporaries, E Mahoney and Son helped the "transformation of the Auckland city centre from a collection of small-scale buildings to the prosperous Victorian commercial centre of the early 1900s". ²⁴

A few of Wilson's commercial buildings have survived the modernisation of the central city; including five which are currently scheduled under the Auckland Unitary Plan, Historic Heritage Place Schedule. These are:

- Strand Arcade
- Naval and Family Hotel
- Northern Steamship Company
- A H Nathan Warehouse
- Isaacs' Bonded Stores (former) (Wilson designed significant alterations to the 1864 building in 1891)





Figure 14: Northern Steamship Company (left) and A H Nathan (right).

These buildings show the influence of Richardsonian Romanesque style on Wilson's designs; especially in the years immediately proceeding and following the construction of Darby Building in 1900. Richardson Romanesque is a style which was popular in the late nineteenth century, derived from the work of renowned American architect, Henry Hobson Richardson. The style featured massive walls of squared stone, arches over openings and large voussoirs.²⁵

The style had a strong influence on the design of warehouses in New Zealand. One of Richardson's most significant works, the Marshall Field Wholesale Store in Chicago bears similarities to some of Arthur Wilson's commercial buildings. Although Wilson's designs are more neoclassical and smaller in scale.



Figure 15: Henry Hobson Richardson; Marshall Field wholesale store in Chicago. 1885. https://nz.pinterest.com/pin/383650461979489737/

The Naval and Family Hotel (1895/96) has a detailed Italianate brick plaster façade. The style reflects both the purpose of the building as a hotel and the highly decorative style characteristic of the late-Victorian era. Wilson's original design drawings had less Italianate features but these were added during construction. ²⁶ A simpler style is more in keeping with his later buildings.

The Northern Steamship Company (1898) premises on Quay Street and the A.H. Nathan Warehouse (1903) on Customs Street East both have a functional style and share similar brick façades with plaster detailing of the Darby Building. The earlier Northern Steamship Company building is more neo classical. The A H Nathan Building is unmistakably influenced by H H Richardson on the main façade on Customs Street, but the rear facade is plain and neo-classical. Like his contemporaries, Wilson seems to have drawn heavily from the designs coming from Europe and America at this time. His interest specifically in the Richardson Romanesque style developed over the years, with little of the style evident in the Northern Steam Ship Company building, to a more pronounced influence on Darby Building and an unmistakable influence on the design of A H Nathan Warehouse.



Figure 16: Auckland Weekly News 09 November 1900 p004. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, AWNS-19001109-4-5.

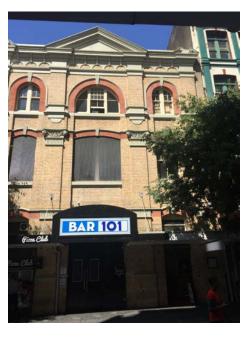


Figure 17: Elliott Street elevation, February 2017

The Strand Arcade and Darby Building neighbour each other and were built within a year of each other. Wilson has obviously paid attention to how the buildings would look next to each other. He designed the buildings which are stylistically different but with many similarities which can be seen in the 1900 image of the Strand Arcade from the Auckland Weekly News (see Figure 16). The buildings were both three storeys on the Elliott Street façade. III The form of the windows is similar but the windows are laid out in a different configuration. The Strand Arcade also has segmented-arch windows with an accentuated keystone along with the same regularity of the façade and an emphasized pier. Where the Darby Building was a functional warehouse building, the Strand Arcade was a shopping arcade for the growing prosperous Auckland middle class.²⁷ This difference is reflected in the detailing of the design. The Strand Arcade is an Italianate design; Darby's warehouse is much more paired back and a functional Edwardian interpretation of the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Much of the Strand Arcade detailing was lost when the building was rebuilt in 1909/1910. The rebuild was under the direction of Wilson again, but the façade changed to reflect the changing tastes of the times.

Viewed together, Wilson's commercial buildings built around the turn of the century show a confidence in design and a breadth of style. The buildings of Wilson's which have been retained in the central city have had a lasting influence on the look of central Auckland. Several of which have already been recognized in the Auckland Unitary Plan for their historic heritage significance.

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ⁱⁱⁱ The Strand Arcade was built three storeys on Elliott Street and four storeys on Queen Street. When the building was rebuilt after a fire in 1909 the Elliott Street façade was increased to four storeys.

7.0 Significance criteria

(a) Historical

The place reflects important or representative aspects of national, regional or local history, or is associated with an important event, person, group of people or idea or early period of settlement within the nation, region or locality.

Darby Building has strong associations with Patrick Darby and the Darby family who retained ownership of the building for many years and, who made a significant contribution to Auckland during the early years of colonial settlement. Patrick Darby was a prominent citizen, part of the City Board, the precursor of the Auckland City Council. He was a successful businessperson and the proprietor of the Thistle Hotel, which was located next to Darby Building from 1863.²⁸

Darby Building is representative of the warehouses built during an important time in the history of Victorian Auckland, when the city was rapidly expanding and changing. The ground floor conversion from warehousing to shops in 1913 shows how this part of Auckland city was changing into a commercial centre. The building was sympathetically changed to respond to this.

Darby Building has **moderate local** significance under this criterion.

(b) Social

The place has a strong or special association with, or is held in high esteem by, a particular community or cultural group for its symbolic, spiritual, commemorative, traditional or other cultural value.

Tenants, owners and locals value Darby Building for the desirable location and character. The building is featured on the Auckland City heritage walks: downtown, midtown, uptown brochure²⁹. Darby Building has **little local** social significance.

(c) Mana Whenua

The place has a strong or special association with, or is held in high esteem by, Mana Whenua for its symbolic, spiritual, commemorative, traditional or other cultural value.

The area around Waihorotiu Creek was the site of Maori occupation before colonial Auckland. More research may find special associations for Mana Whenua to the land. However, Darby Building does not have any known associations with Mana Whenua, and was not further evaluated under this criterion at this time.

(d) Knowledge

The place has potential to provide knowledge through archaeological or other scientific or scholarly study, or to contribute to an understanding of the cultural or natural history of New Zealand, the region, or locality.

Darby Building has **little** or no significance under this criterion.

(e) Technological

The place demonstrates technical accomplishment, innovation or achievement in its structure, construction, components or use of materials.

Darby Building has **little** significance under this criterion. The building went through a significant change of use in 1913 that changed the ground floor form and use. However, this does not represent technical accomplishment, innovation or achievement on a significant level.

(f) Physical attributes

The place is a notable or representative example of a type, design or style, method of construction, craftsmanship or use of materials or the work of a notable architect, designer, engineer or builder.

Darby Building is a notable surviving example of the work of architect, Arthur P Wilson with additions by E Mahoney & Son. Wilson was involved in numerous buildings in the central city and domestic residences in the inner suburbs, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. His work along with contemporary firm, E Mahoney & Son, made a significant contribution to the aesthetic of the city built during these years. This example is specifically important for its location, beside and in contrast to one of Wilson's best known buildings, the Strand Arcade.

Physically the building is a good example of the warehouse architecture of the time, referencing the popular Richardsonian Romanesque style with neo classical detailing. The building's ground floor has been significantly modified over the years. Initial changes took place in 1913, to allow for the change of use from warehouse to shops, designed by Wilson's well known contemporaries, E Mahoney & Son. Since then there has been numerous modifications at street level. However, the exterior façade on the upper stories has retained notable detailing and form.

The building has **considerable local** significance under this criterion.

(g) Aesthetic

The place is notable or distinctive for its aesthetic, visual, or landmark qualities.

The building has a distinctive aesthetic appearance on a corner site in the central city. Although set back from the main thoroughfare of Queen Street, it is a visual landmark when viewed from Victoria Street West. Darby Building has retained much of the original decorative detailing giving it a distinctive appearance. The building contributes positively to the Elliott Street streetscape when viewed from Elliott Street, Victoria Street and Darby Street.

Darby Building has **moderate local** significance under this criterion.

(h) Context

The place contributes to or is associated with a wider historical or cultural context, streetscape, townscape, landscape or setting.

Darby Building has **considerable local** significance as part of the historical streetscape of Elliott and Darby Streets and as part of a group of commercial buildings Arthur P Wilson designed in Auckland city centre.

There are five other scheduled heritage buildings on Elliott Street; the Strand Arcade, the two Smith and Caughey's Department Store buildings and Archibald Clark and Sons Warehouse (former). This area of Auckland City developed from the 1840s. Commercial buildings built from the late nineteenth century lined Elliott Street. Several of these building are still in situ (see appendix 2) and along with the contemporary developments; Elliott Street has retained a character of the wider historical landscape. Darby Building has collective value as part of this grouping of early commercial and retail buildings.

Additionally, the building has contextual significance as one of several buildings designed by Arthur P Wilson in the Auckland city centre during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century. These buildings show the breadth of Wilson's work during a 10 year period. Other contemporary Wilson buildings include; Strand Arcade, Naval and Family Hotel, Northern Steamship Company and A H Nathan warehouse. Several other notable designs by Wilson have been demolished including the grand Kempthorne Prosser building on Albert Street, Sargood Briscoe NacNeil on Customs Street East and John Chambers on Fort Street, all built around 1899/1900 (see Appendix 2 Supplementary research).

8.0 Statement of significance

Darby Building was built in 1899/1900 as a soft good warehouse for Herbert Thompson, businessman. Prominent Aucklander, Patrick Darby, local politician and publican, owned the building and the land. The building is a significant work of architect Arthur P Wilson. Physically the building is a good example of the warehouses built at the turn of the century, using neo classical detailing and influenced by Richardson Romanesque designs coming from America. The building has retained most of its decorative elements. The building is significant in the context of Arthur P Wilson's buildings in the central city. It is one of several examples of the style and breadth of Wilsons work, including; Strand Arcade, Naval and Family Hotel, A H Nathan Warehouse and the Northern Steamship Company offices. Darby Building makes a significant contribution to Elliott Street as one of a number of character defining buildings on the street, including but not limited to, the two Smith & Caughey's Buildings, Strand Arcade and Archibald Clark & Sons Warehouse.

9.0 Extent of the place for scheduling

The identified extent of the place for scheduling is the area that is integral to the function, meaning and relationships of the place. The extent covers the whole building on its original footprint and includes the street verandahs. The extent is intended to protect the visual appearance of the facade. The whole site and building are the primary feature.

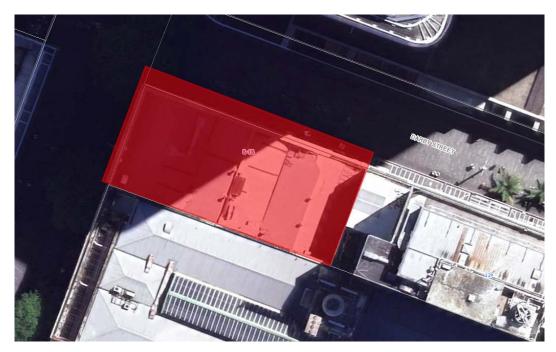


Figure 18: Proposed extent of place. 8-18 Darby Street. Auckland Council GeoMaps 2017

10.0 Recommendations

Based on the proceeding evaluation, Darby Building, 8-18 Darby Street meets the threshold for scheduled historic heritage places as a Category B Historic Heritage Place.

- The heritage values that meet the threshold of considerable include physical attributes and context.
- Overall significance of the building is considerable.
- The recommended extent of place is defined in section 9.0 above.

11.0 Table of Historic Heritage Values

Significance Criteria (A-H)	Value* (None, Little, Moderate, Considerable, Exceptional)	Context (Local, Regional, National, International)
A- Historical	Moderate	Local
B- Social	Little	Local
C- Mana Whenua	N/A	
D- Knowledge	Little	
E- Technological	Little	
F- Physical Attributes	Considerable	Local

G- Aesthetic	Moderate	Local
H- Context	Considerable	Local

*Levels of significance or value:

Exceptional: of outstanding importance and interest; retention of the identified value(s)/significance is essential.

Considerable: of great importance and interest; retention of the identified value(s)/significance is very important.

Moderate: of some importance and interest; retention of the identified value(s)/significance is desirable.

Little: of limited importance and interest.

NA/None: none identified

12.0 Overall Significance

Place Name	Darby Building
and/or Description	3
Verified Location	8-18 Darby Street, Auckland Central
Verified Legal	PT ALLOT 5 SEC 15, road reserve
Description	
Category	В
Primary Feature	Building
Known Heritage	F, H
Values	
Extent of Place	Refer to planning maps
Exclusions	Interior of building(s)
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Appendices

Appendix 1 Historic research

A contract for two new houses at the corner of Darby and Elliott Streets has been let to Messrs Ferguson and Malcolm. The buildings will have a frontage of 100ft. to Darby-street and 45ft. to Elliott-st., and will be of brick, containing four floors, including a half-basement. The facade will be of buff bricks, with cement dressings. The basement will be 11ft. high, ground floor 16ft., first floor 14ft., and second 12ft. There will be a principal front entrance to each warehouse, and a separate one for goods, with a hydraulic lift. The facade will be divided into bays, which will be further divided pilasters, and surmounted by ornamentals cornices and pediments. warehouses are being erected for Mr Herbert Thompson, warehousman, and one will be occupied by himself. while the other will be let. cost will amount to something over £5000, and the work of building will be supervised by Mr Arthur P. Wilson, who prepared the plans and specifications.

Figure 19: A description of the proposed building from Auckland Star, Auckland Star, Volume XXX, Issue 213, 8 September 1899

DEATH OF MR. PATRICK DARBY.

One of Auckland's oldest residents passed away last evening in the person of Mr. Patrick Darby, who died at his residence, New-street, Ponsonby, at the ripe age of 77 years. Deceased had been failing in health for several years, and had been practically confined to his bed during the greater part of the present year. The late Mr. Darby was a native of Downpatrick, Ireland, and arrived in Auckland in the early part of 1856. After his arrival he soon started in business, and with hard, up-hill work and strenuous efforts, soon became known as a promonent citizen. He was a member of the old City Board, which was then a nucleus of the present City Council. For a long time the only surviving members of that ancient body have been Mr. James Stewart and Mr. Patrick Darby, and Mr. James Stewart is the only surviving member of the beginning of our present City Council. Mr. Darby was a keen observer, and shrewd business man. He speculated freely in property, and was often very successful in his transactions. The old Thistle Hotel, of which he was proprietor so long, was well known, and held in good repute. Darby retired from business at the comparatively young age of 44 years, and has since lived privately at his residence, New-street, Ponsonby, where he died after a long illness, borne most patiently. He leaves a grown-up family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, all of whom are married with the exception of two sons Dr. Darby, his eldest son, is practising in Auckland; another is Father Joseph Croke Darby, parish priest of Hamilton; and a third is a chemist in Christchurch; and other sons are merchants and land agents in Auckland. He leaves only one surviving brother, Mr. Edward Darby, of Epsom, who is also well known in Auckland, having retired from business for a long time. Mr. Darby was a very charitable man. He contributed largely to his own Catholic denomination, but always helped in distressful cases no matter to what denomination they belonged. True charity was his motto.

Figure 20: DEATH OF MR. PATRICK DARBY., Auckland Star, Volume XLI, Issue 304, 23 December 1910

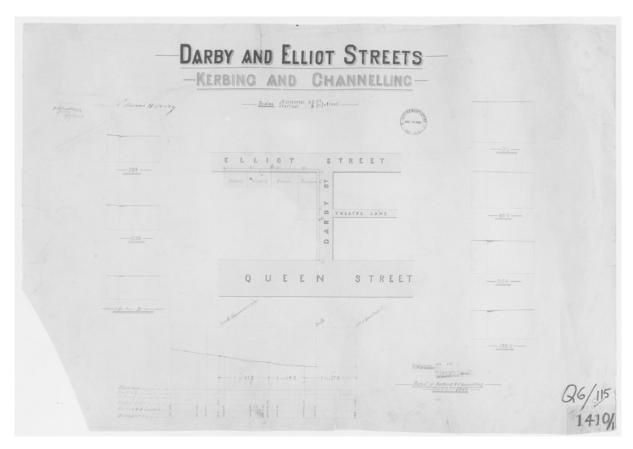


Figure 21: ACC015 - 1410 Darby and Elliot(t) Streets kerbing and channelling (1900), Auckland Council Archives

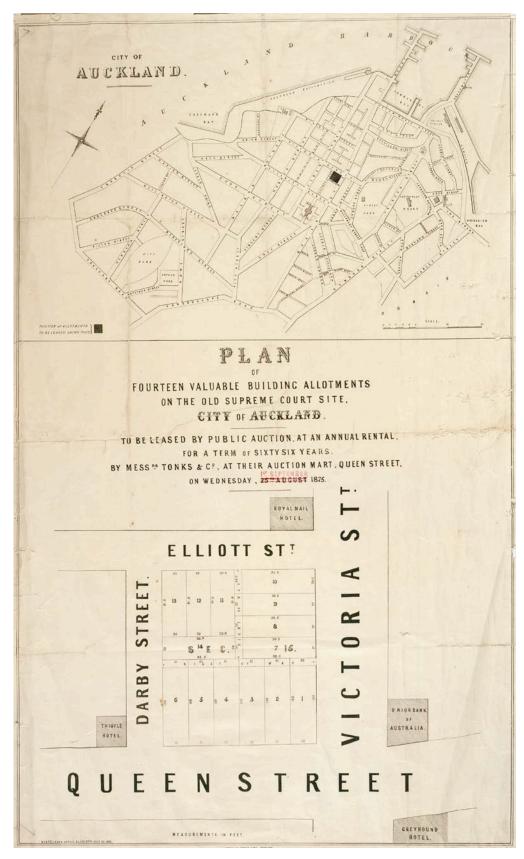


Figure 22: Plan of fourteen valuable building allotments on the old Supreme Court site, City of Auckland. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, NZ Map 2658.

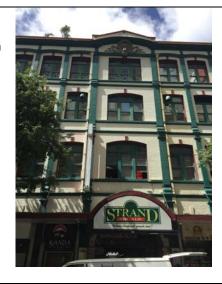
List of alterations to 8-18 Darby Street from Property File

List of alterations to 6-10 Daiby Street from Property File					
Date	Details	Architect			
1900	Built as two warehouses	Arthur P Wilson			
1913	Alteration to turn the ground floor into shops and add awning	E Mahoney & Son			
1918	Alterations to the awning	E Mahoney & Son			
1938	New entrance to basement billiard saloon	L Marioney & 3011			
1945					
	Adding marraning floor to 14 16 Darby Street				
1954	Adding mezzanine floor to 14-16 Darby Street				
1956 1962	Alterations to cafe front Alterations to cafe	Dungan Wu & Young			
1962	Alterations to care Alterations to restaurant	Duncan Wu & Young			
1973					
1973	Install shop front canopy and internal stairs Renovations of the basement				
	Alterations to remove wall in the basement				
1976	Form restaurant and disco in basement				
1976					
1980	Construct cabaret in basement				
1980	Coffee lounge on the first floor				
1980	Remove internal brick walls and replace with steel construction				
1981	Remedial repairs to parapet (bracket bolted to				
1901	the inside of the parapet)				
1983	Move internal kitchen and install cubical				
1985	Reinstatement of fire damage				
1985	Internal partitioning				
1985	Build access to mezzanine				
1985	Internal cubicles				
1989	New front doors Elliott Street				
1991	Internal alterations to massage parlour				
1992	Internal alterations				
1994	Internal alterations				
1997	Refurbishment of existing street veranda	Burgess + Treep			
		Burgess + Treep Architects			
1997	Reconstruction of mezzanine floor				
1997	New internal stairway				
2002	Toilet upgrade and new dance floor in				
	basement				
2003	Shop fit-out				
2005	Internal alterations to shop				
2006	Improvements to internal fire alarm systems				
2007	Alterations to corner shop				
2008	Lobby refurbished	Salmond Reed Architects			
2013	Changes and refurbishment of Bar 101				
	premises on level 1 and basement. Including				
	removing the sash windows from three				
	windows and adding a mesh				

Appendix 2 Supplementary research

A selection of inner city commercial buildings designed by Arthur P Wilson

Building		Date			
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233-237 Queen	Street,	after	а	fire	in
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Naval and Family Hotel UPID 01980 243 Karangahape Road, Newton (1895/96)



Northern Steamship (1898)
Company
UPID 02020
122-124 Quay Street,
Auckland Central



A.H. Nathan Warehouse (1903) UPID 01943 42 Customs Street East, Auckland Central



Kempthorne Prosser Albert Street (1899. Demolished 1982)



Auckland Weekly News 04 JANUARY 1901 p008. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, AWNS-19010104-8-3

Sargood Briscoe (1900)
MacNeil Demolished
Customs Street East

John Chambers (1900) Fort Street Demolished



Creator: Winkelmann, Henry. Date: 1922. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, 1-W1775

Streetscapes of Elliott Street



Figure 23: Smith & Caughey on the corner of Elliott Street and Wellesley Street. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 24: View down Elliott Street from Wellesley Street. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 25: Smith & Caughey building. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 26: Archibald Clark and Sons Warehouse on the corner of Elliott Street and Wellesley Street. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 27: Elliott Street with Archibald Clark and Sons Warehouse, 39 Elliott Street and Atrium on Elliott. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

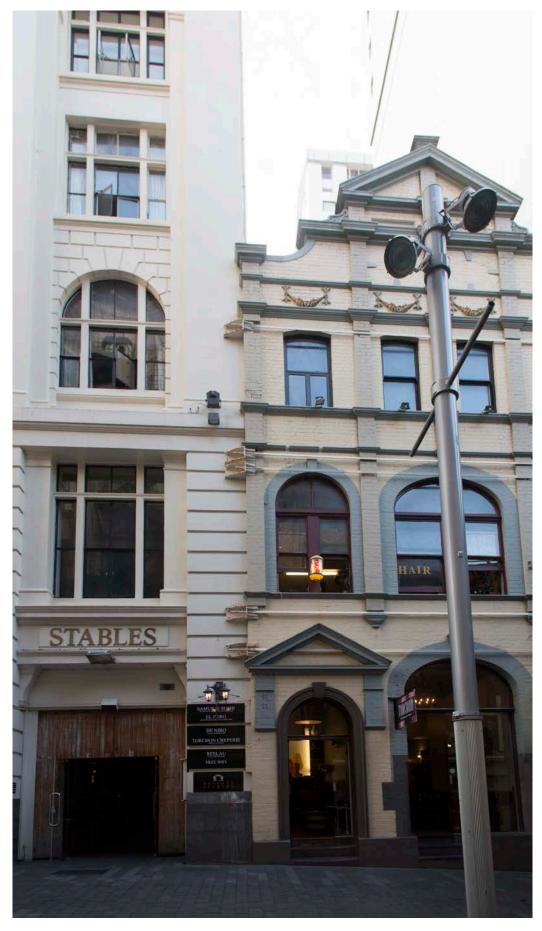


Figure 28: 39 Elliott Street with the Archibald Clark and Sons Warehouse (former) to the left. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 29: Elliott Street. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 30: Atrium on Elliott. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

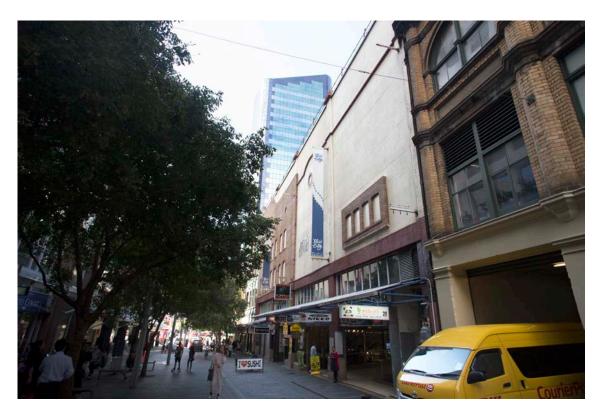


Figure 31: View of Smith & Caughey (right), Mid City and Strand Arcade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

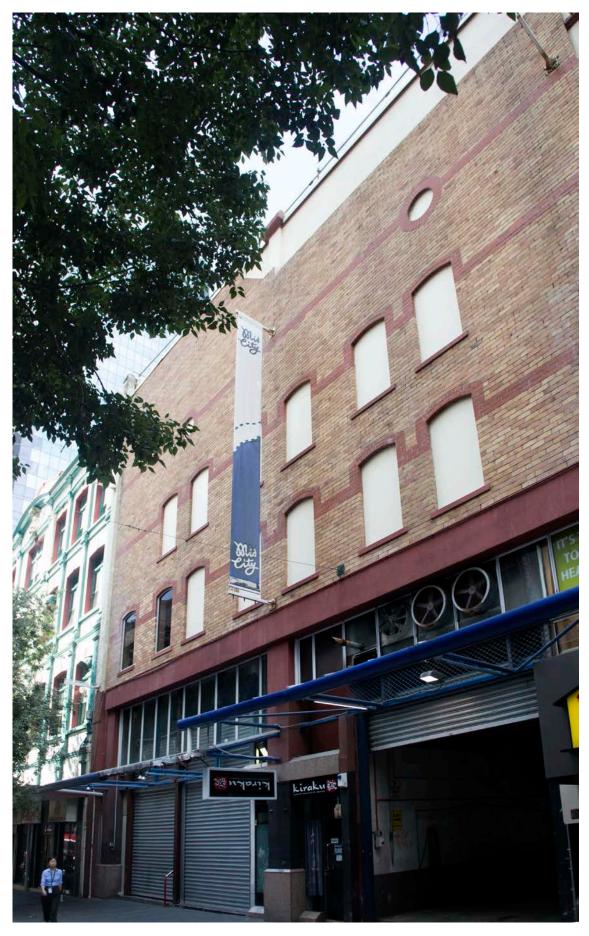


Figure 32: Mid City with Strand Arcade beyond. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 33: Atrium on Elliott. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 34: Strand Arcade, Elliott Street entrance. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

Appendix 3 Certificate(s) of title



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C.401734.3 Transfer in exercise of Power of Sale under Mortgage B.633743.2 to Civic House Limited at Auckland - 6.8.1992 at 11.08 o'c

C.401734.4 Mortgage to ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Limited - 6.8.1992 at 11.08

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Figure 38: Certificate of title 626/22

Appendix 4 Photographs



Figure 39: Darby Street facade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 40: Darby Street facade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 41: Darby Street facade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 42: Darby Street facade looking towards Elliott Street. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

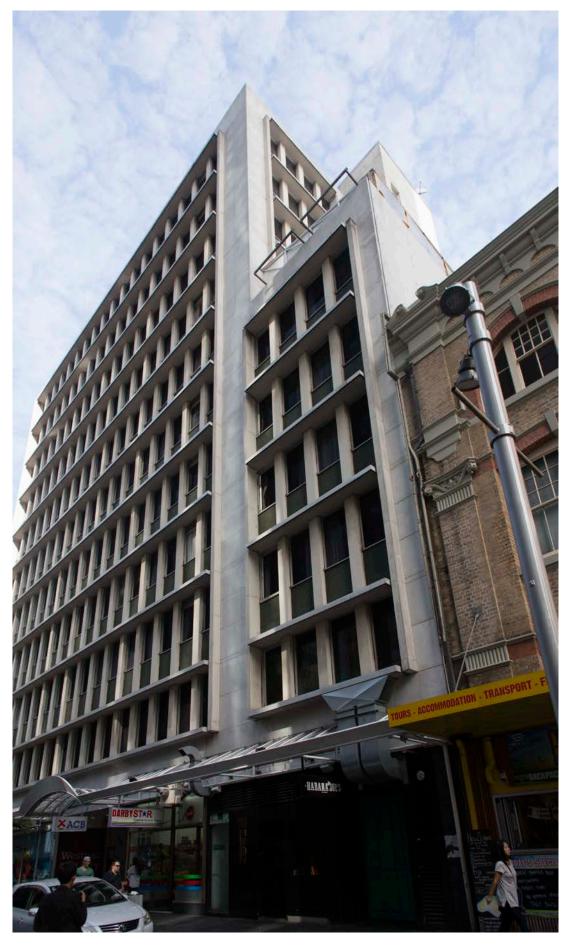


Figure 43: The junction between the Darby building and the neighbouring office building on Queen Street. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

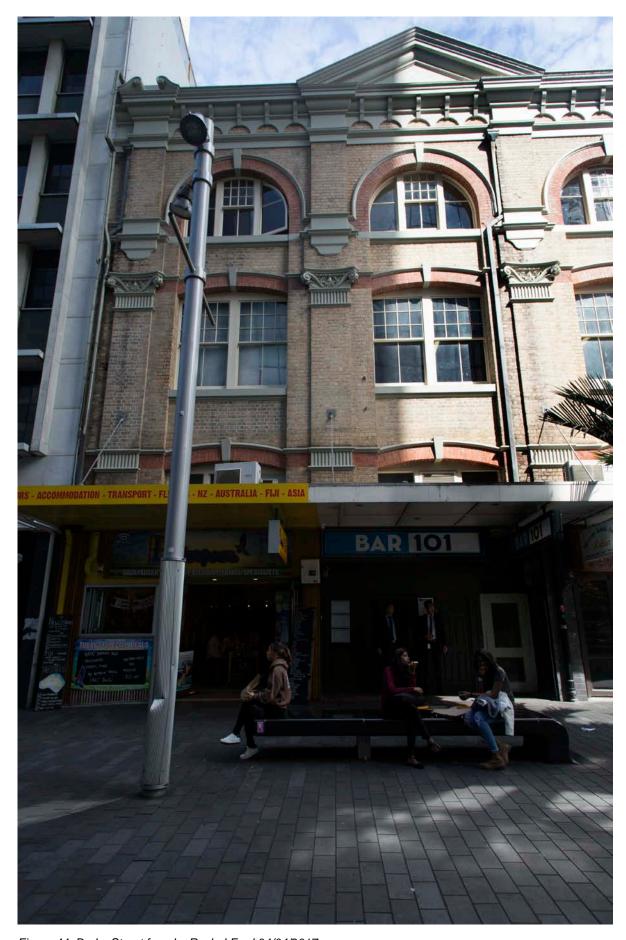


Figure 44: Darby Street facade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 45: Darby Street facade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

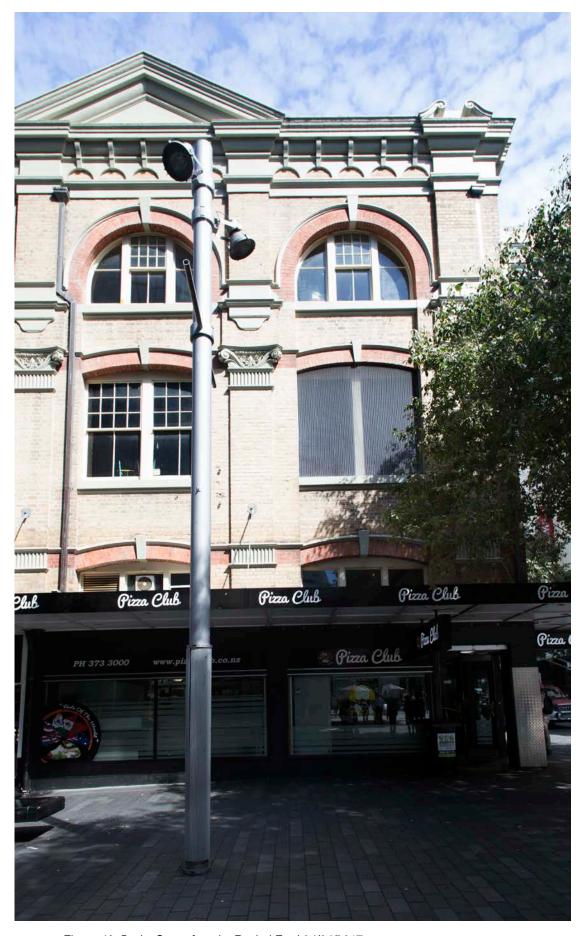


Figure 46: Darby Street facade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 47: Elliott Street facade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 48: View from Victoria Street West. Darby building in the middle. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017

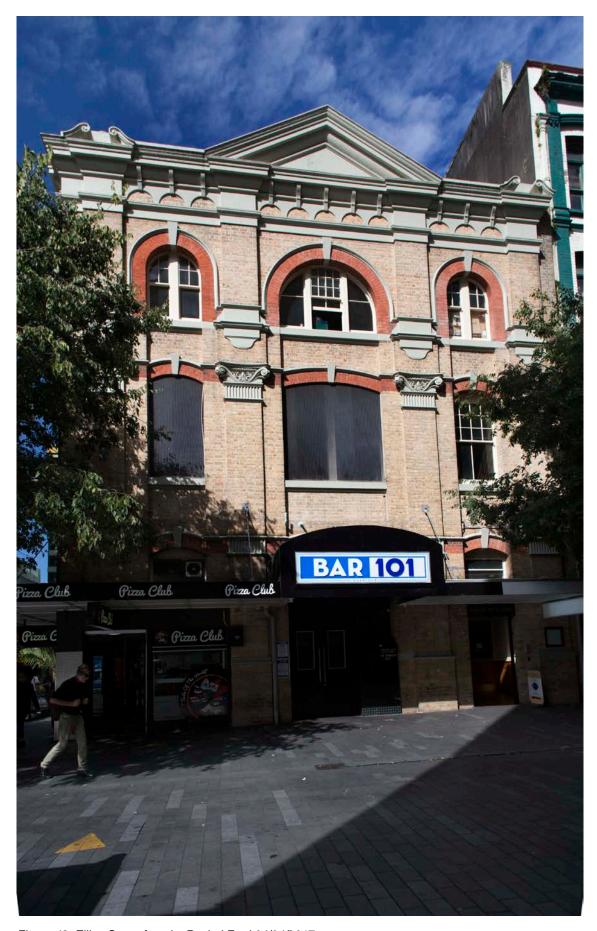


Figure 49: Elliott Street facade. Rachel Ford 04/04/2017



Figure 50: Darby Building sign above the main entrance. Anna Boyer 06/03/2017



Figure 51: Interior of top floor. Bayleys Real Estate listing https://www.bayleys.co.nz/listing/Auckland/Auckland/Auckland-Central/1681770



Figure 52: Interior of top floor. Bayleys Real Estate listing https://www.bayleys.co.nz/listing/Auckland/Auckland/Auckland-Central/1681770



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Appendix 5 Plans

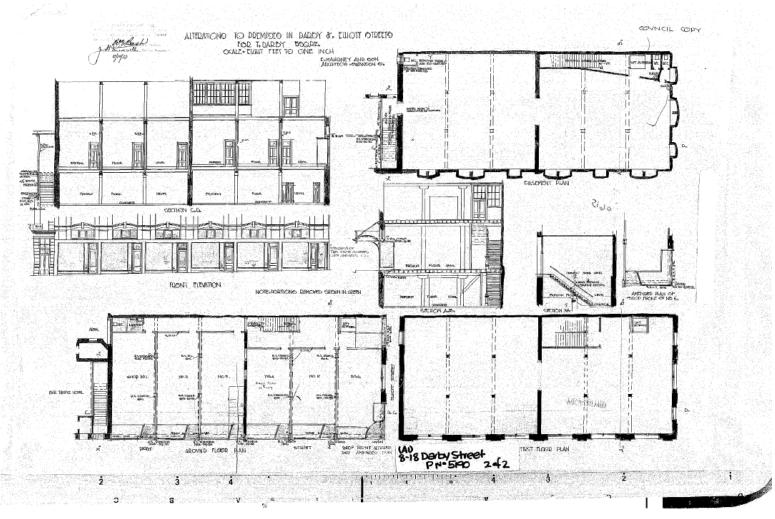


Figure 54: 1913 E Mahoney & Son drawings for the modifications to 8-18 Darby Street. Auckland Council property file

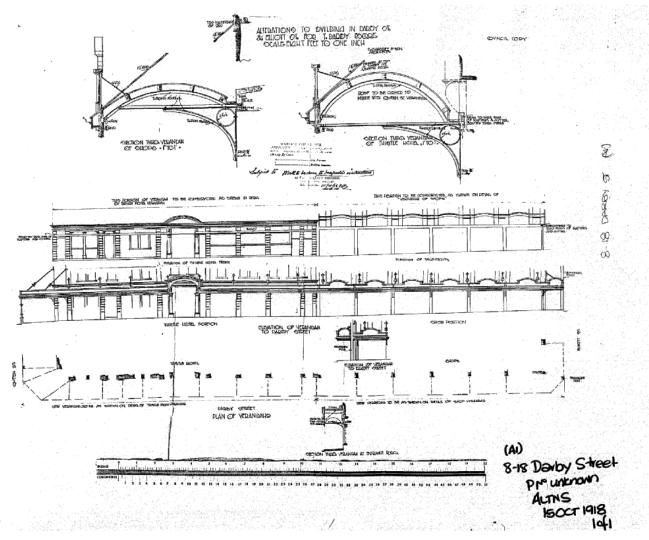


Figure 55:1918 E Mahoney & Son drawings for awnings for 8-18 Darby Street and the Thistle Hotel. Auckland Council property file

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