


AUCKLAND CITY STREETSCAPE STUDY RECORD FORM

Preliminary Information



AUCKLAND CITY

LOCATION / ADDRESS: 588 Sandringham Road, Auckland	ITEM NUMBER	CATEGORY (IF SCHEDULED)
		
NAME (IF ANY) NUMBER, STREET, LOCALITY, WARD Former Sandringham Post Office, Auckland	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
BUILDING / STRUCTURAL / OBJECT / SITE USE: <input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> INSTITUTIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURAL	OTHER LISTINGS	
HISTORY & KNOWN ASSOCIATIONS The brick building at 588 Sandringham Road was built as the Sandringham Post and Telegraph Department c.1956, designed by architects Le Petit and Naylor. Sandringham's post offices appear to have been located on many sites between 1912, when the first telegraph office appeared, to 1995. The Mt Albert Borough Council applied to the government for an Edendale post office in 1920, but this request was declined. ¹ The first full post office began in May 1925, but may have been part of one of the existing shops at that time. ² Land was vested by the Crown from the old pound reserve (Sandringham Shopping Centre Reserve) at that time. ³ By 1935, a post office appears near the reserve, on the eastern side, but by 1940 it is located on the western side at 519 Sandringham Road. A purpose-built post office seems to have been built at 588 Sandringham Road, on land which forms part of the original reserve in the late 1950s, ⁴ to the design of Le Petit & Naylor. ⁵ It closed as a post office in 1995. ⁶ Today the area is served by a post shop agency. Le Petit and Naylor were in partnership with Norman Wade in 1955 and continued their own practice after Wade's death in 1955. The practice became Le Petit Naylor Woolford and Smith, then in 1970 Le Petit Naylor Goode Couch and Christie, continuing to do numerous projects for New Zealand Post.	ZONING Business 2	
REFERENCE SOURCES Copy of original permit drawing, on ACE Site file at Auckland City Council records. Mt Albert Borough Council minutes, 26 July 1920, MAC 100/11, Auckland City Archives R M Startup, <i>NZ Post Offices</i> , Postal History Society of NZ, 1993, p. 71 Wises NZPO Directories <i>Central Leader</i> , 10 February 1995 Drawings in collection at Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd	REGISTERED OWNER	
PHOTOGRAPHS (HISTORICAL)	ARCHITECT / DESIGNER Le Petit and Naylor	

¹ Mt Albert Borough Council minutes, 26 July 1920, MAC 100/11, Auckland City Archives

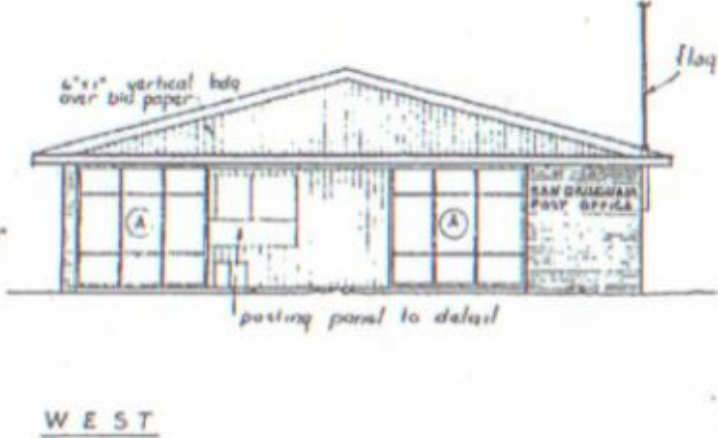
² R M Startup, *NZ Post Offices*, Postal History Society of NZ, 1993, p. 71

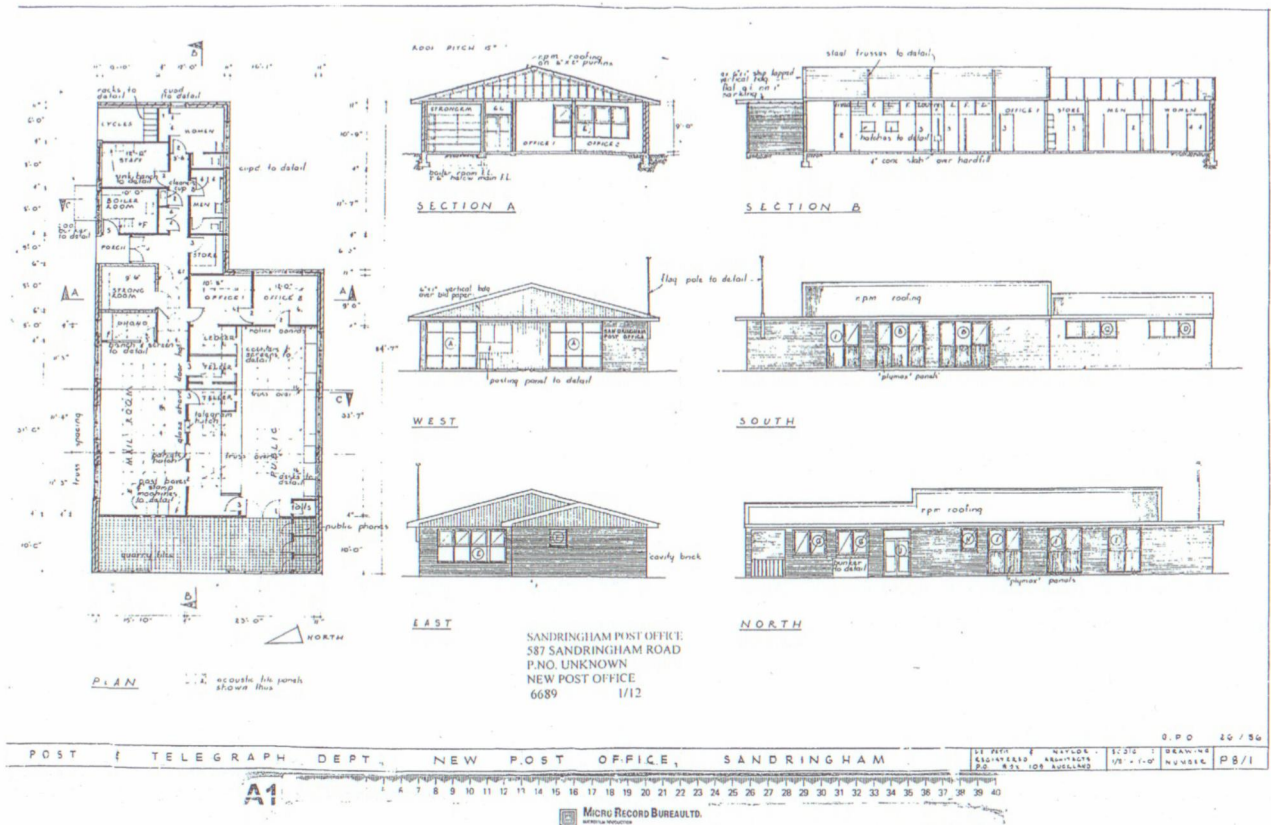
³ NZ Gazette, 1 October 1925 pp. 2680-2681

⁴ Wises NZPO Directories

⁵ ACE site file. Plan is listed as 587 Sandringham Road, but this could have been a typographical error.

⁶ *Central Leader*, 10 February 1995

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<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The building of a purpose-built post office demonstrates the consolidation of Sandringham as a town centre with a range of functions serving the local community.</p>	<p>PERIOD / DATE OF CONSTRUCTION Late 1950s</p> <p>MATERIALS Brick, steel trusses to roof</p> <p>INTEGRITY/ SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS</p>												
<p>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HISTORICAL</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURAL</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> TECHNOLOGICAL</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> AESTHETIC</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> SPIRITUAL</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> TRADITIONAL</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> RARITY VALUE</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> GROUP VALUE</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER</td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HISTORICAL	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TECHNOLOGICAL	<input type="checkbox"/> AESTHETIC	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC	<input type="checkbox"/> SPIRITUAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRADITIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> RARITY VALUE	<input type="checkbox"/> GROUP VALUE	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	<p>STREETSCAPE VALUE The building is aligned parallel to its side site boundaries rather than parallel to the road frontage, creating a triangular space at the street edge. Originally designed with an open telephone lobby, the public nature of the building would have related better to the space in front (which may have been landscaped?). Altered for retail use, the set back from the street boundary is less successful, with car parking at the frontage creating a conflict with pedestrians. Signage and alterations to verandah fascias have detracted from the original design.</p>
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	<p>CONTRIBUTION TO COLLECTIVE CHARACTER HERITAGE VALUE Low/medium</p> <p>DATE OF SURVEY</p> <p>EXTERIOR: Nov 07, May 08</p> <p>INTERIOR:</p>												
<p>PREPARED BY: Lisa Truttman and Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd FOR: AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL <i>Note: Street numbers derived from Council GIS system</i></p>	<p>BY: Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd</p> <p>CHECKED:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHED: Nov 07</p>												



Original drawings for new Post and Telegraph Office in Sandringham by Le Petit and Naylor Architects, c 1956. ACE Site File , Auckland City Council.