1 Tonks Grove

HPT Investigations - 24 June 2005

History

William and Jane Tonks and their family arrived in Wellington in 1842 and later bought land in upper Cuba Street. They built their own home at 270 Cuba Street and on the surrounding land they built cottages for themselves and their workers.

It is likely that 1 and 3 Tonks Grove were built in the 1880s. 1890 is the first reference to Tonks Grove in the Wises Directory, followed in 1894 by the first listing of the Grove as an entity. The site of 1 Tonks was part of Town Acre 97 and in 1879 the ownership of this acre was disputed between William Tonks Junior and F A Krull. Krull succeeded in gaining title to the land. In 1885 part of the land was transferred to Enoch Tonks for Tonks Grove, and George Glover retained the sites of 1 and 3.

1 and 3 Tonks Grove are small, workers cottages with minimal detail other than the Classical front windows suggesting an Italianate influence.

Tonks Grove is a unique enclave combining small workers dwellings and generous inner city Edwardian housing with a narrow gateway to the Grove defined by two-storied shops. Its rambling, confined character captures the spirit of 19th century Wellington.

New Location
30 metres north-east of their original positions, to sit on the edge of new Tonks Grove, between 270 - 274 Cuba Street and 5 Tonks Grove buildings. These buildings are part of the Tonks precinct.

Relocation Preparation - 30 June 2005

New Colours
Gull Grey
Buff
Earth Green

Construction Update
15 August 2005 – Relocation
August 2005 – Restoration commenced
December 2005 – Restoration complete

Relocation Preparation - 30 June 2005

Relocation Preparation - 5 July 2005

Relocation Preparation - 5 July 2005

Relocation Preparation - 8 July 2005

Relocation - 8 July 2005

Relocation - 29 July 2005

Relocation Preparation - 12 August 2005

Relocation - 15 August 2005

Relocation - 15 August 2005

Relocation - 15 August 2005

Relocation - 15 August 2005

Restoration - 19 August 2005

Restoration - 8 September 2005

Completed - 27 July 2006