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ART DECO ERRORS

Sometimes Incorrect facts creep into publications about Art Deco Napier. These can be the result of a “fact” which has been superseded by new information, or a mistake by a journalist, which is copied by other journalists.

Here are a few which should be avoided.

THE HOG’S BREATH CAFÉ (FORMERLY THE NAPIER CLUB)

This was thought to be Louis Hay’s only Spanish Mission design in central Napier. It transpires that the building was in fact designed by E A Williams.

HMS VERONICA

The British warship which was in port at the time of the earthquake was HMS Veronica, **NOT** HMS Victoria. The ship’s bell which is rung in the Veronica Sunbay during Art Deco Weekend is the Veronica Bell, **NOT** the Victoria Bell.

THE NATIONAL TOBACCO COMPANY BUILDING

This was known as Rothman’s Building from 1956 to 2001, when the bronze letters were replaced to give the building its original name back. Any references to it as Rothman’s Building are no longer correct. It is now owned by Big Save Furniture Ltd.