

St John's Church (Anglican), Waihi



Location: 2 Gilmour Street, Corner Seddon and Gilmour Sts, Waihi

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number: 731

Historic Places Trust Category: Category 2 - Registered Historic Place

HDC Heritage Category: A - Heritage Feature. National or Outstanding Regional Significance

Other:

Physical Description: Timber frame clad in board batten wall cladding and weatherboard on the gable ends. The roof is corrugated iron.

Associated buildings include Parish Hall and Vicarage on Gilmour Street.

Other known names:

Notable features: Lych Gate

Style: Victorian Neo-Gothic

Materials: timber, corrugated iron

Date of Construction: 1906

History: The first Anglican church was built in 1894 and enlarged in 1897. It was replaced by the present church in 1906. The present Vicarage replaced the

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Heritage Type:

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

Date Period:

1881-1910

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

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original one in 1961 and the Parish Hall was added in 1952.

The church was the work of Alexander Wiseman, best known for the design of the Auckland Ferry Building although he also worked on other buildings in Auckland and Wanganui including what was said to be the “first sky-scraper in Auckland”. The church was built by Potts and Hardy of Cambridge. The foundation stone was laid in 1906 by Lord Plunkett, Governor General of New Zealand. It cost £1154.

The Gothic style of St John's, Waihi, places it alongside many timber Gothic churches in New Zealand which date back to the earliest Selwyn churches eg: St Stephen's Chapel, Parnell. Although the style is not quite unique, the church is nevertheless a very worthy example of its type. The church Lych Gate adds to the integrity of the garden and church entry.

The Parish Hall was used in the 1950's for teenage dances, which were very popular and well attended.

Architect: A Wiseman

Designer:

Builder: Potts and Hardy

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: good

Integrity: substantially intact

Current Uses: Church (Anglican)

Former Uses:

Registered owner: Waikato Diocesan Trust Board

Legal Description: Sec 46 & Pt Secs 57, 57A Waihi

Reference Source: NZHPT Building Record Form; R. Irvine; Auckland City Library Heritage Image 4-6421, 4-6428

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Associated Pictures:

