

## Rob Roy Hotel, Waihi



**Location:** Cnr Seddon St and Rosemont Rd, Waihi

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:** 733

**Historic Places Trust Category:** Category 2 - Registered Historic Place

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

**Other:**

**Physical Description:** Two-storey Victorian hotel with hipped roof and double verandah. It is clad in rusticated weatherboard with a corrugated iron roof and brick chimney.

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:** Victorian

**Materials:** timber, corrugated iron, brick

**Date of Construction:** 1896

**History:** This is one of the oldest buildings standing in Waihi and dates back to the early years of what was to be New Zealand's biggest 'Gold Boom' town in the early twentieth century. The first owner was John Flett who had come to New Zealand from the Orkney Islands via Australia where he arrived in 1856.

### District Plan Schedule

**Number:** HAU008

**Heritage Category:** A

### 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

# Historic Heritage Inventory



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Heritage Category: **A**

Flett spent time mining on the West coast and at Thames and was proprietor of the Rob Roy Hotel at Parewai until 1895. The Hotel was built in 1896 and contained 60 rooms including 40 bedrooms. It closed in 1909 following prohibition and ran as a boarding house until the restoration of liquor licences in 1926.

The building is an important Waihi landmark which is situated at the cross roads in the centre of town. Although the builder and architect are not known, the building is significant as a well preserved example of the turn of the century New Zealand Hotel which features decorative fretwork on the top veranda and a prominent porch on the central street frontage.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Hotel

**Former Uses:** 1909-1925 Boarding house, Wong's Fruiterer and a billiard room were installed where the bars had been.

**Registered owner:** Malcolm McKernan

**Legal Description:** Sec 12 Waihi

**Reference Source:**

**Associated Pictures:**