

Victorian Hall, (Art Market), Waihi



Location: 65 Seddon Street, Waihi

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number: 2688

Historic Places Trust Category: Category 2 - Registered Historic Place

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

Other:

Physical Description: A Victorian hall with pitched roof, it has a narrow rectangular plan and features a hipped gable roof. The building has an elegant façade with a central entrance way flanked by wing extensions and features a mixture of bracket decorations under the eaves and windows, pilasters on each side of the windows and finials on the front of the gables.

This building has considerable historical significance for both Waihi and Waitekauri. It is architecturally significant as a well preserved and elegant example of the late Victorian small town hall.

Other known names: Waitekauri Miner's Union Hall, Waihi Baptist Church, Miners' Café, Art Market

Notable features:

Style: Victorian

District Plan Schedule

Number: HAU009

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
- Industry (mining)
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

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Materials: timber, corrugated roof

Date of Construction: 1895

History: While there had been mining activity in the Ohinemuri township of Waitekauri since the late 1870's it was not until the formation of the Waitekauri Gold Mining Company in 1895 that the town began to "boom".

It was almost certainly about this date that the Miners' Union Hall was built. By the beginning of the twentieth century the "boom" was coming to a close and most of the population, along with many of the buildings, moved away from Waitekauri. In September 1903 the Waihi Baptist Church was founded. In 1946 the Waitekauri Miners Union Hall was moved to Waihi to be its Church building. It still stands on its original Church site in Seddon Street and has in recent years, been used for several local businesses (the Baptists have a new building on the corner of Kenny and Gilmour Streets). It was later sold and became the Waihi Bargain Centre, later the Miner's Café and in 2006 became the Art Market.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: substantially intact

Current Uses: Retail

Former Uses: Shop, Church, Hall, Café

Registered owner: Private

Legal Description: Lot 1 DPS 9412

Reference Source: Climie, N. S. (1969) Karangahake School and District 80th Jubilee, and Cyclopedia of New Zealand 2010

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Associated Pictures:

