

## Victoria Battery Powerhouse, Waikino



**Location:** Victoria Battery Site Ruins, Pukekauri Rd, Waikino

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:** 4604

**Historic Places Trust Category:** Category 2 - Registered Historic Place  
**HDC Heritage Category:** A - Heritage Feature. National or Outstanding Regional Significance

**Other:** Recorded archaeological site (T13/300 – refers to site in general)

**Physical Description:** Large rectangular concrete building with pitched roof and rear lean-to. Various pieces of mining equipment are located outside the building. It has been converted into a public museum, containing displays on mining in the area and the settlement of Waikino.

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:** concrete, corrugated iron

**Date of Construction:** 1912

**History:** This building was the powerhouse for the Victoria Battery erected by the Waihi Gold Mining Company in 1898. It was the largest Battery in New Zealand and used 200 stampers.

### District Plan Schedule

**Number:** HAU012

**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

# Historic Heritage Inventory

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District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU012**

Heritage Category: **A**

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:** Chief Engineer Mr WP Gauvain

**History of changes:**

**Condition:**

**Integrity:** substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Museum/Locomotive shed for the Victoria Battery Tramway Society

**Former Uses:** Power House

**Registered owner:** Department of Conservation

**Legal Description:** Sec 1 SO 59644 Blk XIV Ohinemuri SD Rec. Res.  
(Alt. Legal Description) Lot 1 DP 15750 Pt Sec. 18 Pt Owharoa No.2 Blk Pt  
Special Site 12

**Reference Source:**

**Associated Pictures:**

