

## Technical School Building (former) (Waihi Gold Mining Museum & Art Gallery)



**Location:** 54 Kenny Street, Waihi

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:** 4661

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

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

**Other:**

**Physical Description:** Large double bay brick villa with decorated eaves and original sash windows was the former Technical School Building. The old jail is attached to the building. A 1920s prefab classroom is also located to the rear of the property.

**Other known Names:** Museum and Information Centre

**Notable features:** Brick rendered with plaster as a fire precaution.

**Style:** Victorian

**Materials:** Brick, corrugated iron

**Date of Construction:** 1911

**District Plan Schedule**

**Number:** HAU017

**Heritage Category:** A

### **Heritage Type:**

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

### **Date Period:**

1911-1940

### **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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**History:** Built originally for the Waihi Manual Training and Technical School in 1911, this building is the only survivor of a number of brick buildings constructed in this period in the Hauraki area as a precaution against fire. It served Waihi as the Manual Training and Technical School until it was converted into a Museum and Art Gallery in 1962. It has a handsome sturdy appearance with some fine detailing and sweeping gables.

A 1920s prefab classroom is located towards the rear of the building, believed to be first of its kind. It was shifted from Cambridge in 1936 to replace a timber room shifted to the Waihi District High School.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:**

**Integrity:** substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Museum and Art Gallery

**Former Uses:** School building

**Registered owner:** Hauraki District Council

**Legal Description:** Sec 257 Blk XV Ohinemuri SD

**Reference Source:** NZHPT Building Records Form; Warwick Kellaway, Robyn Irvine.

**Associated Pictures:**