

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Paeroa



Location: Cnr Mackay and Willoughby St, Paeroa

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

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

Other:

Physical Description: Large gabled wooden building with steeply pitched corrugated iron roof and a central bay facing Willoughby Street. There is a flat roofed enclosed porch on the Mackay Street side with wooden pilasters with squared spires and an entablature. Fenestration is triple opening with a mixture of boxed and arched window frames with fixed and sash windows. There are gabled entrance ways on both sides of the porch with modern ornate eaves. A flat roofed extension is located at the rear of the building. A similar styled church-hall adjoins the church building on the Mackay Street side.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style: Victorian Neo-gothic

Materials: Wood, corrugated iron roof

District Plan Schedule

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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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Date of Construction: 1909

History: The present church was built to replace an earlier Presbyterian church in Bradley Street. Presbyterian services began in Paeroa after 1881 when Thomas Norrie (Jnr) was appointed as the Presbyterian Student Missionary to the South Auckland Districts of Paeroa, Waihi, Waikino, Karangahake, Te Aroha, Matamata and Morrinsville. Fortnightly services began in a small public hall and then later in the larger Wharf Street Hall. A church was built on a section in Bradley Street in 1889. A more centralised location was desired for the church by the 1900s. Studies were made on moving the existing church, but it was decided to build a new church on the corner of Mackay Street and Willoughby Street. The original plans of the building show it was intended to incorporate a tower block on the Willoughby Street side of the frontage, but lack of finances prevented this.

Tenders were called in 1909. The foundation stone was laid later in that year by Mrs Gow, the Minister's wife. The church was opened on Sunday 1st August 1909. A new manse made of kauri was built adjacent to the stock yards in King Street, since the former manse was still located in Hill Street. The old church buildings were sold to the Druid Society to be used as its headquarters.

The adjacent hall was relocated to the site in the 1920s. The hall was extended in 1965.

The Hall and Church were linked in 2002, when the square pillars and arches were also built.

Architect: Mr E.E Gillman

Designer:

Builder: Messers Markwick & O'Regan

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Altered sympathetically

Current Uses: Co-operative parish

Former Uses:

Registered owner: Presbyterian Church Property Trustees

Legal Description: Sec NW 21, Lots 22, 23 Blk VII Paeroa Town

Reference Source: *St Andrew's Paeroa Presbyterian Church 1881-1981*; Cotter, M. (1975) *From Gold to Green: Paeroa and District's First 100 Years 1875-1975*.

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Associated Pictures:

