

Dean's Building, Waihi



Location: Cnr Seddon Street and School Lane, Waihi

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

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

Other:

Physical Description: Two storey timber building with hip roof. Currently houses Wrightson's Real Estate and a fish and chip shop. A bronze plaque above the fish and chip shop marks the site where 18yr old Keith Wrigley set up his radio repair shop and began the AKRAD Radio Corporation.

Other known names: AKRAD Radio Corporation (2nd storey)

Notable features:

Style:

Materials:

Date of Construction: c1920s

History: Previously the home of the AKRAD Radio Corporation. Keith Wrigley, the owner and founder, started off in this building making tricycles and radios. In 1932, Keith Wrigley opened a radio sales and repair shop in the A. J. Deans building. The nationwide demand for radios was such that he created the AKRAD Radio Corporation, AKRAD being short for 'Auckland Radio'. The company moved to new factory premises at Kings Hall in 1943. By 1958, it

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU096**

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Heritage Type:

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

Date Period:

1910-1940

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

Historic Heritage Inventory



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found international attention from the PYE Group which bought into the company and expanded its operation. A new factory was built in 1968 on Moresby Ave.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: fair

Integrity: substantially intact

Current Uses: Retail

Former Uses: radio station

Registered owner:

Legal Description: Pt Sec 6 Town of Waihi

Reference Source: R. Irvine;
A Brief History of Electronics Industry in Waihi, 1985

Associated Pictures: