

## General Store, Waitakaruru (The Country Store)



**Location:** 6 Front Miranda Road, Waitakaruru

### 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:** Prominent hipped roof former wooden hotel on the corner of Miranda Road and SH25, Waitakaruru. Currently operates as an Antique and Craft Shop but was originally a General Store.

Adjacent to the store is a corrugated iron lean-to, used as a garage. This was Peters' shed, originally located on the opposite side of the road and used as the first Post Office building.

**Other known names:** Elliot's Store

**Notable features:**

**Style:** Victorian

**Materials:** Timber, corrugated iron

**Date of Construction:** c1880s.

**District Plan Schedule**

**Number:** **HAU177**

**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
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

# Historic Heritage Inventory

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**History:** The large Four Square Store was originally the Royal Harrison Hotel at Kuaotuna on the Coromandel Peninsula. It was dismantled and brought by barge to Waitakaruru in about 1916. The Peters' tin shed, first post office building (1914-1918) opposite the site of the ex-hotel, was relocated next to the hotel and used as a garage for the shop. The store was run by Mr and Mrs Siward until 1920 when Mr and Mrs Tom Elliot took over. It was sold again in 1944, although the grocery store continued until 1998. It was vacant for a couple of years before being purchased by Susan Lowe. It now operates as the "Country Store", a craft outlet and tourist store.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:** Wooden terrace added at rear.

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** Substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Craft and Antique Store

**Former Uses:** General Store, Post Office, Boarding House

**Registered owner:** Lorraine Taylor

**Legal Description:** Lot 2 DPS 9502

**Reference Source:** K. Clover (pers. comm.)

**Associated Pictures:**

