

## Black Rock Milking Shed, Waihi



**Location:** SH25 (Oldfield Road) Corbett Road corner - about 6km from Waihi along the LHS.

### **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:** Quarried rock face formed into an underground milking shed.

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:** Natural Rock

**Date of Construction:** c.1920s

**History:** In 1910 a miner, Andy Scobie, bought land for a farm and after breaking in enough land to sustain a small herd, he undertook a unique and ambitious scheme to cut a cowshed out of the rock using his mining skills. This he did with the help of his father, George, who was also a miner. Andy also

### **District Plan Schedule**

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**Heritage Category:** **A**

### **Heritage Type:**

- Wahi 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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considered building a house in the rock above the shed but the cheap price of conventional houses (around £50 to £100) caused him to abandon that idea.

In 1929 the Scobie family sold the farm to Peter Brady whose son, Charlie, took over the farm in 1935. He built a conventional cowshed nearer to the road. In 1945 the farm was sold to Jim Kennedy, and he was the last owner known to have used the shed. It became a storage room for hay. Later owners were the Stolp family, the De Vries family, Fred Thomas, George Mara, Mr Fagan and now Alan and Ruth Scott. The shed has now filled with sediment because the cow track runs beside it and a person can no longer stand up inside.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** good

**Integrity:** substantially intact

**Current Uses:** private farmland (Scott Farm)

**Former Uses:**

**Registered owner:**

**Legal Description:**

**Reference Source:** Waihi Historical Society

**Associated Pictures:**

