Historic Heritage Inventory



Paeroa Domain



Location: Willoughby Street, Paeroa

<u>Heritage Status</u>

Historic Places Trust Registration Number: Historic Places Trust Category:

HDC Category: B - Heritage Area. Regional or Sub-Regional Significance Other:

Physical Description: The Paeroa Domain croquet pavilion has both historical and archaeological significance. Features within the domain include the brick entrance gates, the rugby grandstand and football fields, the netball courts, the croquet lawns, Paeroa Athletics clubrooms, petanque court and croquet pavilion and the band rotunda set within a landscape of mature trees. The bowling pavilion burnt down in June 1999. The bowling lawns had already been taken over by the Croquet club.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

Materials:

Date of Construction: 1904

District Plan Schedule Number: HAU134

Heritage Category: B

Heritage Type:

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

Date Period: 1880-1910

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- □ Transport
- Communication
- **D** Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

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History: Up until 1902 the land which is now used for the Domain was swamp encircling a lagoon. In 1902 the land was drained and the development of the Domain begun. This development followed the then popular 'gardenesque' style. This is reflected in a 1905 report which states that by that time over 300 ornamental trees had been planted, an artificial pond had been created, 92 chains of fences built and a bowling green and tennis court laid. (AJHR).

The bowling pavilion was erected in 1907/8, one year after the band rotunda. The bowling club had formed in 1904 and originally seems to have used a 'cottage' for their clubrooms. The building has since been destroyed by fire. A rugby grandstand was erected in 1933 and demolished in 1987. A new grandstand was then built.

Architect: Designer: Builder: Engineer:

History of changes: New rugby grandstand built in 1989. Paeroa Athletics Club built a store room mid-2000, and additions made to this building in 2009.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: Recreation reserve (Public Domain, gazetted 1902)

Former Uses:

Registered owner: Hauraki District Council

Legal Description: Blk XIV Town of Paeroa

Reference Source: Paeroa and District Historical Society

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Associated Pictures:





