

## Kerepehi War Memorial Domain



**Location:** Kaikahu Road, Kerepehi

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:**

**Historic Places Trust Category:**

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

**Other:** Recreation Reserve

**Physical Description:** Public Domain including War Memorial Hall, Pavilion and Bowling Club, sports grounds and racing track.

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:** Part of the building is brick cladding, plastered at the front. Kitchen on east side also brick with flat roof.

**Date of Construction:** 1945.

**History:** The land near where the domain is now located was the site of a battle between Kerepehi Maori and Nga Puhi warriors. The Nga Puhi were killed and their corpses left unburied (Kaikahu = Food of the Hawks). The land

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### Heritage Type:

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

### Date Period:

**1941-1980**

### 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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later became part of the Lands and Survey Department Camp. In 1939, it was set aside as public reserve for the purposes of building a domain.

In 1945, works on the Kerepehi Public Domain began. Funding from the Kerepehi Racing and Sports Club was provided for the Domain buildings. The first football and hockey games were played on the domain in 1947. Both clubs had previously been established in the 1920s and had played on various private and public lands around Kerepehi.

By 1949, money was raised through the organisation of a Queen Carnival. The domain was also renamed as the War Memorial Domain. In 1951, bronze plaques intended for the school were given for the new war memorial. In 1956, trees were planted alongside the racecourse drain and near the entrance gates.

The sports club donated a "Tote" building for the storage of their equipment and the bowling pavilion was built. In 1953, shower rooms, changing sheds and a kitchen were built onto the building, mainly for use by the football club.

In 1953, the RSA requested that a war memorial hall be built. The hall was completed in 1955 and was funded with 1:1 Government subsidy.

A caretaker's cottage was also built by J.P. Bolter in 1954. The first caretaker was A. Babich. During 1955, while building the hall, the domain gates were added and the entrance drive was sealed.

By 1959, the sports club and domain were used for bowling, tennis, rugby, hockey, athletics, pony club, cricket and marching girls. A motorcycle track was laid down in front of the hall in 1960. A tractor shed was built by A.P. & J.M. Ryan voluntarily. A new rugby clubroom was built in 1968.

### *Bowling Club, Domain*

The club was established in 1948, based around a single grass green and a concrete block shed. A summer house built by one of the founding committee members, W. H. Candy, was used as the first pavilion. A croquet lawn was laid on the site of the present car park. In 1951, a permanent pavilion was built by Bruno Keyes, A.P and J.M. Ryan, W. Kidd and A. Morgan. This has been enlarged or altered numerous times. A kitchen and bar have also been added. An astroturf green was installed in 1991.

### *Football Clubroom, Domain*

Built in 1968 for the Kerepehi Rugby Football Club. The clubrooms replaced the then old Ngatea theatre – which was demolished. The clubroom has Rimu and Matai floors (Kerepehi School and District Reunion 100 Years Celebrations (2002).

### *War Memorial Hall, Domain*

The hall was built on request by the RSA in 1953. Plans were drawn up by A. P. Ryan and it was built by Lee Bros. The hall opened on November 17th 1955 and the bronze plaques from the school were installed on the entrance. The

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hall was regularly used by the Playcentre until a Playcentre building was established at Kerepehi School.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** Substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Hall, bowling club, pony club, riding club

**Former Uses:**

**Registered owner:** Hauraki District Council (Recreation Reserve)

**Legal Description:** Sect 71 Blk VI Waihou SD

**Reference Source:** Tye, R.E. (1974) *Hauraki Plains Story*. Thames Valley News Ltd, Paeroa.

**Associated Pictures:**

(Below: Football Clubroom)



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Above: Bowling Club Pavilion