

# Historic Heritage Inventory



## Former Works Depot Site, Paeroa (Maritime Park)



**Location:** Puke Road (SH2), Paeroa

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:**

**Historic Places Trust Category:**

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

**Other:**

**Physical Description:** Site of Historical Maritime Park, including the former Waitekauri Post Office, two corrugated iron sheds built 1912-13 and the Paeroa Jail, a kauri building with two cells. Also, located in the adjacent section of the Waihou River are the remains of piles from the Puke Wharves.

**Other known names:** Public Works Department Depot (former)

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:**

**Date of Construction:** c.1900s

**District Plan Schedule**

**Number:** **HAU213**

**Heritage Category:** **B**

### **Heritage Type:**

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

### **Date Period:**

**1911-1940**

### **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

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**History:** Several buildings were erected as part of the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers improvement scheme, such as a carpentry workshop, engineering workshop and pit, and a slipway. One building was destroyed by fire in 1966. Another building relocated here in the 1970s is the 1900 Paeroa Lock-up (Gaol) which was recovered from Maratoto where it had been used as a scout den since the 1950s.

The site was also the location of the Puke Wharves, which were established after it had proved difficult for the Shipping Trade to negotiate the tides and silt. The public wharf (Junction Wharf) was connected to a horse drawn tram which carried goods into Paeroa. The Northern Steamship wharf and headquarters and the Martha Gold Mining Company Wharf were also located here. Coal hoppers serviced the boats and dredges.

The Maritime Park Society was established in 1976 and the former Post Office building was relocated onto the site in 1979.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** Substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Historical Maritime Park

**Former Uses:** Engineering depot

**Registered owner:** Paeroa Historical Maritime Park Society Incorporated

**Legal Description:** Pt JW Thorp Grant

**Reference Source:** Hilary Haysom; Paeroa and District Historical Museum; Graeme Watton *Taming the Waihou*

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### Associated Pictures:

