

Historic Heritage Inventory



Kopuarahi Community Centre (former Dairy Factory)



Location: 1819 State Highway 25, Kopuarahi

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

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

Other:

Physical Description: An L-shaped gabled hall with a lean-to porch extension on the front and a modern brick extension along the side.

Other known names: Thames Valley Dairy Factory, NZ Co-Op Dairy Factory; Shelly Beach Factory

Notable features:

Style:

Materials: Timber, brick, corrugated iron

Date of Construction: 1916

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU159**

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: In 1916, the Thames Valley Dairy Company (which became the NZ Co-Operative Dairy Co in the early 1920's) opened a dairy factory in Kopuarahi. It was called the Shelly Beach factory. The factory had eight vats with a capacity of 1500 gallons of milk each. Approximately 1500 tons of cheese was manufactured yearly from 44 suppliers. There were two staff houses and eight Public Works Department cottages, built during the 1940s. These were located opposite the factory. The manager's house was built in front of the factory. In 1951, a new house was built across the road from the factory and the old residence was given to the school. The factory closed in 1956. Locals met to discuss purchasing the property for a community centre. The land and building were purchased for 100 pounds and debentures sold to local residents to raise money to convert the old dairy factory into a hall. The purchase was also assisted by C.A. Mc Miller the local NZCDC director.

In July 1957, the hall was officially opened.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Altered sympathetically

Current Uses: Hall

Former Uses: Dairy Factory

Registered owner:

Legal Description:

Reference Source:

Kopuarahi School 70th and District 77th (1987); G. Townshend (Pers. Comm.)

Associated Pictures: