

Historic Heritage Inventory



Waitekauri Post Office Building (Maritime Museum Building)



Location: 6894 State Highway 2, Paeroa, south of Hubbards Road.

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number: 728

Historic Places Trust Category: Category 2 - Registered Historic Place

HDC Heritage Category: B - Heritage Feature. National or Outstanding Regional Significance

Other:

Physical Description: Queen Anne Style building although the large brackets under the eaves, the half-timbered gable design and the horizontal and vertical bands over the rusticated weather board are more typical of the Eastern Style. This is a good example of Campbell's work.

Other known names: MOW Office, Waitekauri Post Office

Notable features:

Style: Queen Anne/Eastern Style

Materials: Timber, corrugated iron

Date of Construction: 1898

History: This building was originally built as a Post Office for the gold-mining township of Waitekauri. It was built by a Mr J Davis of Auckland and was completed on 22nd July 1898 at a cost of £458.10. It contained a public vestibule

District Plan Schedule

Number: HAU005

Heritage Category: B

Heritage Type:

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

Date Period:

1881-1910

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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with a lobby, a postmaster's room, an operating and postal room and the postmaster's residence.

A Public Works Department (PWD) was established in Paeroa in 1912-13 following a major flood in the town. The PWD bought the Waitekauri P.O. building and moved it to Paeroa in 1917 to be used as its district office. The MOW used the building until 1972. It was moved to its present location in 1979 from its original siting on what is known as Hauraki House. It now serves as a Maritime Museum in Paeroa. The Maritime Museum was opened in its current location in 1979.

Note-The MOW was previously known as the Public Works Department (PWD) up until 1962.

Architect: John Campbell

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: Museum

Former Uses: Post Office; PWD HQ

Registered owner: Paeroa Historical Maritime Park Society Inc.

Legal Description: Pt Thorps Grant Blk XII Waihou SD

Reference Source: *Cyclopedia of New Zealand* (1901)