

# Historic Heritage Inventory



## Eastdown Homestead



**Location:** 5109 Orchard East Road, State Highway 2, Ngatea

### 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:** Double Bay Villa with steeply pitched hip roof and a verandah along the front and side of the building.

**Other known names:** Speedy Homestead

**Notable features:** Verandah on 3 sides, formal entry with side lights and transoms.

**Style:** Double Bay style villa

**Materials:** Rimu with kauri joinery

**Date of Construction:** 1912

### District Plan Schedule

**Number:** **HAU028**

**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:** The homestead and stables were built in 1912 by Lindsay and Halliburton Johnstone. Two windmills and water bores were also built on the property at the same time. The house was built from rimu and kauri, unloaded at Johnstone's Wharf in Ngatea and taken along Orchard Road by bullock.

Following WW1, Frank Speedy moved to Ngatea to live and work with his cousin, Halliburton Johnstone. He bought the farm a year later in 1922. Frank married and put on electricity (c.1924) in the house for his bride, Rosie. The house was named "Eastdown Homestead" by Rosie, after family connections in England.

The house is the home of Dale Speedy and his family but is still traditionally used by duck shooters and their families on the first weekend of May for the opening of the season, having been used as such for the last 85 years. A small native reserve appears intact adjacent to the house.

The house represents a very good example of a Hauraki District farmstead. Only a few historic farmhouses remain on the Plains because most were constructed from kahikatea wood.

**Architect:**  
**Designer:**  
**Builder:**  
**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** Substantially intact; an addition has been made to fill in the space between the house and the wash house behind it.

**Current Uses:** private residence

**Former Uses:**

**Registered owner:** Dale & Rhonda Speedy

**Legal Description:** Pt Lot 8 DP 16785

**Reference Source:** *Plains Profile* April 2006

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Associated Pictures:

