Historic Heritage Inventory



Ngatea Butter Factory



Location: 21 River Road, 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: Converted Dairy Factory with intact roof ventilators. The factory is a gabled building with pitched roof clad in corrugated iron and two side extensions. A glassed entrance has since been added.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

Materials: Concrete, corrugated iron

Date of Construction: 1920

History: The butter factory opened in 1920. At that time, most of the cream came by launch via the Piako River. The butter was exported to Auckland. The demand for cheese meant that a cheese factory was established in Ngatea in 1939. The butter factory building was more recently occupied by a gem factory. The cheese factory building has been demolished (c.2000); the

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Number: HAU031

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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site was levelled and is now used for housing.

Architect: Designer: Builder: Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Unknown

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses:

Former Uses: Dairy factory

Registered owner: Nigel Robins

Legal Description: Lot 1 DPS 47646

Reference Source: Farrow, M. (1991) "Brief History of township of Ngatea,

Hauraki Plains, New Zealand.")

Associated Pictures:



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Ngatea butter factory in 1925.

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