

Historic Heritage Inventory



Paeroa Hospital (former)



Location: 7 King Street, Paeroa

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: Corner angle bay villa with rear two storey extension. The villa has triple opening sash windows on the end bays and double opening sashes on the angle entrance.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style: Victorian bay villa

Materials: Weatherboards, iron roofing

Date of Construction: 1905

History: In 1869, the first hospital in the district was built in Thames. Although Paeroa had resident private medical practitioners - Dr. J Forbes (1895-1898), Dr Buckley (1896-?) and Dr Smith (1900-?), serious cases were transported to Thames. Patients were often accompanied by volunteer Nurse Mary Pennell,

District Plan Schedule

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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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wife of John Pennell.

Ohinemuri County's attempts to secure a hospital in Paeroa were made difficult by the creation of the Thames Hospital Board in 1886, which was opposed to constructing rival hospitals in its district. Paeroa's case was not helped by the establishment of Waihi as a major mining town. Waihi was allowed a small hospital and hospital board in 1903.

Further attempts at erecting a hospital were thwarted by the Thames Hospital Board, despite the collection of voluntary contributions from the community and partial endorsement by the Government Chief Inspector of hotels, Dr Duncan McGregor.

After World War 1, another attempt was made, and following a supreme court decision by Justice Springer, planning began for the construction of a maternity and emergency hospital. It was to have a fourteen-bed ward, two single-bed wards and one two-bed casualty ward. The Thames and Hauraki Plains County Councils raised objections over funding and the government found the tender accepted to be too high. Nevertheless, the Paeroa Hospital was officially opened on 3rd April 1930 by A. J. Stalworthy, United (Liberal) Party Minister of Health. In the new hospital, one ward was named in honour of the pioneer nurse, Mary Pennell, while another was named in memory of the Hauraki Regiment's financial support in raising money for the construction.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: Private

Former Uses: Maternity Hospital

Registered owner: A & H Crowe

Legal Description: Secs 9,10 Blk XII Paeroa Town

Reference Source: Barber, L. (1985) *No Easy Riches: A History of Ohinemuri County, Paeroa and Waihi 1885-1985*. Ray Richards Ltd, Auckland.

Associated Pictures: