

## Waitakaruru Post Office



**Location:** Front Miranda Road, Waitakaruru

### 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:** Gabled cottage with central wide gabled bay and slate eaves.

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:** Bay Villa

**Materials:** Timber, Corrugated Iron, Slate

**Date of Construction:** c.1934

**History:** A post office was established in 1906 in William Coxhead's house at Bathurst's Corner. In 1909, the post office was moved to a tin shed on I. Haley's farm and in the following year Haley took over as post master. In 1911, the post office shifted to an extension built onto William Peters' house on the Front Miranda Road. Peters also had a store at Waitakaruru itself, about a mile from the house, and letters were taken to the store. In 1914, the store became the Waitakaruru Post Office proper. Hayward, the storekeeper,

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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

# Historic Heritage Inventory



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was appointed post master in 1918, followed soon after by Miss S. Stretton. The post office was shifted to a separate building by the wharf close to the bridge over the Waitakaruru Stream. A new post office was built in 1934 and the old building was shifted to the school in 1935 for use as a dental clinic.

The post office was closed in 1988 and is now a private residence. The telephone exchange building is still attached to the house.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:** W H Lee

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** Substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Private Residence

**Former Uses:** Post Office

**Registered owner:** Dave Hill

**Legal Description:** Lot 1 DPS 81074

**Reference Source:** Clover, K. (1977) "Waitakaruru: School and District Jubilee 1902-1977"; K. Clover (pers. comm.)

**Associated Pictures:**