

Historic Heritage Inventory



Fire Station Bell, Paeroa



Location: Willoughby 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: The bell stands in front of the present fire station, built in 1968. It is sited on a stone plinth and carries a bronze plaque.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

Materials:

Date of Construction: 1896

History: The fire bell at the Paeroa Fire Station was originally from the Karangahake Fire Station. The Karangahake Fire Brigade was established in 1896 in a station in the centre of Karangahake. The fire bell was sited on a tower adjacent to the band rotunda. The tower was eventually dismantled and the bell moved to Paeroa along with the rotunda.

District Plan Schedule

Number: HAU135

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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The Paeroa Fire Department was established on October 23rd 1895 under Captain Moore. The first fire station was located on Belmont Street next to the Ohinemuri County Council Chambers. The fire bell tower was located near the present Post Office location. The new fire station buildings opened in 1968, built by Walmsley Brothers. The fire bell was relocated to the new station and now stands outside the station. A centennial plaque was placed on the outer wall of the present station in 1995.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: Monument in front of Fire Station

Former Uses:

Registered owner: The New Zealand Fire Service

Legal Description: Lot 1 DPS 26535

Reference Source: Climie, N.S. (1969) *Karangahake School and District 80th Jubilee*; "Paeroa Fire Brigade Honours Mr C W Malcolm" (1996) *Ohinemuri Regional Historic Journal* 40:5.

Associated Pictures: