

Historic Heritage Inventory



Church of the Holy Trinity (former), Turua



Location: 9 Matai Street, Turua

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 first Anglican Church on the Hauraki Plains, located in Turua, is a small gabled building with a steeply pitched roof and bell tower. There are two porches on either side of the building. The main windows are lanced within a box frame.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style: Anglican church

Materials: timber, corrugated iron roof

Date of Construction: 1923

History: The first Anglican services were held in the Presbyterian Church from 1917. Land was bought for a church, vicarage and hall in 1917 and 1919. The Church of the Holy Trinity was built in 1923 and marked the beginning of the

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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Parochial District of Hauraki Plains. The church was dedicated on Trinity Sunday 7th June 1923. Rev J. M. Beaufort was the first vicar and boarded with the Bell family until a vicarage was built in 1925. With improved roading and transport, Ngatea became the focal point for various parishes in the district. The vicarage was transferred to Ngatea in May 1958. Many of the other small village churches were closed and became private residences. Others were dismantled or used for other community interests. The church building was vested in the ownership of the Hauraki District Council on behalf of the community by the Hauraki Plains Co-Operating Parish in the 1990s. The free gifting of the building was on the basis that it should not be disposed of by the community within ten years of acquisition. It was to be used by the community for community purposes. In 2003, it was sold to B J Downie.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: Residence

Former Uses: Church

Registered owner: S J Griffiths

Legal Description: Lot 1 DPS 54265

Reference Source: Farrow, M. (1991) "Brief History of township of Ngatea, Hauraki Plains, New Zealand". Tye R.E. "Hauraki Plains Storey" Thames Valley News Ltd, Paeroa; Council Records

Associated Pictures: