

## NZ Co-op Dairy Factory, Kerepehi



**Location:** Kerepehi Town Road, Kerepehi

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:**

**Historic Places Trust Category:**

**HDC Heritage Category:** C - Heritage Item. Local or Neighbourhood Significance

**Other:**

**Physical Description:** Formerly a large dairy factory, this is a group of modern factory buildings within a large complex and includes the former New Zealand Dairy Company Milk Powder Factory and Butter Factory.

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:** reinforced concrete, corrugated iron, metal & glass

**Date of Construction:** 1956

**History:** The New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd was formed during the 1920s. The first factory capable of processing large enough quantities of cream for the company was built in Ngatea in 1920. A larger milk

**District Plan Schedule**

**Number:** HAU151

**Heritage Category:** C

**Heritage Type:**

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

**Date Period:**

1941-1980

**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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powder factory was opened in 1956 in Kerepehi, serviced by a fleet of milk tankers. Extended operations at Kerepehi gradually replaced the smaller scattered dairy factories. A cool store was built next to the factory, which is still in use, by Fonterra. The factory closed in 1991. The plant is now owned by Tanners Group and was used as a timber processing plant, which has now closed. The plant has been leased to NZ Peat for 3 large buildings at the western end of the site plus approximately half of Lot 35.

(Note: Dairy factory worker housing is located adjacent to the factory).

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Unknown

**Integrity:** Substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Mixed industrial tenancies.

**Former Uses:** Dairy Factory, timber processing plant

**Registered owner:** Tanner Sawmills Ltd

**Legal Description:** Lot 4 DPS 59607 (cool store on Lot 1 DPS 82852)

**Reference Source:**

Farrow, M. (1991) "Brief History of township of Ngatea, Hauraki Plains, New Zealand."; Tye, R.E. (1974) *Hauraki Plains Story*. Thames Valley News Ltd, Paeroa.

**Associated Pictures:**

