

Historic Heritage Inventory

Two Bridges, Waitakaruru



Location: State Highway 25, Waitakaruru

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

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

Other:

Physical Description: Two bridges located over the Waitakaruru Canal in the township of Waitakaruru. The bridges provide two lanes over the stream, one being a concrete deck and the other is a bailey (single span truss) bridge.

Other known names:

Notable features: Bridges side by side. Bailey Bridge used as permanent structure.

Style:

Materials: Concrete and metal

Date of Construction: c.1917

History: First bridge built in 1917, lasted until 1920s when there was an argument as to who should pay for the bridge. The second bridge, built by the Public Works Department opened in 1928. The curved approach to the bridge

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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caused numerous motor accidents from drivers travelling at high speed who failed to make the approach, including an army truck, which crashed through the wall of Mitchell's Shop. The Ministry of Works provided a bailey bridge as a stop gap measure. This was replaced by a more substantial bailey bridge in 1981. In 2005, the bailey bridge was struck by an over-width truck severely damaging the structure. It was subsequently repaired.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: Bridges

Former Uses:

Registered owner: Transit New Zealand

Legal Description: Road Reserve (SH25)

Reference Source: Clover, K. (1997) "Hauraki Plains: river and road communication." Ohinemuri Regional History Journal 41:14-23.

Associated Pictures:

