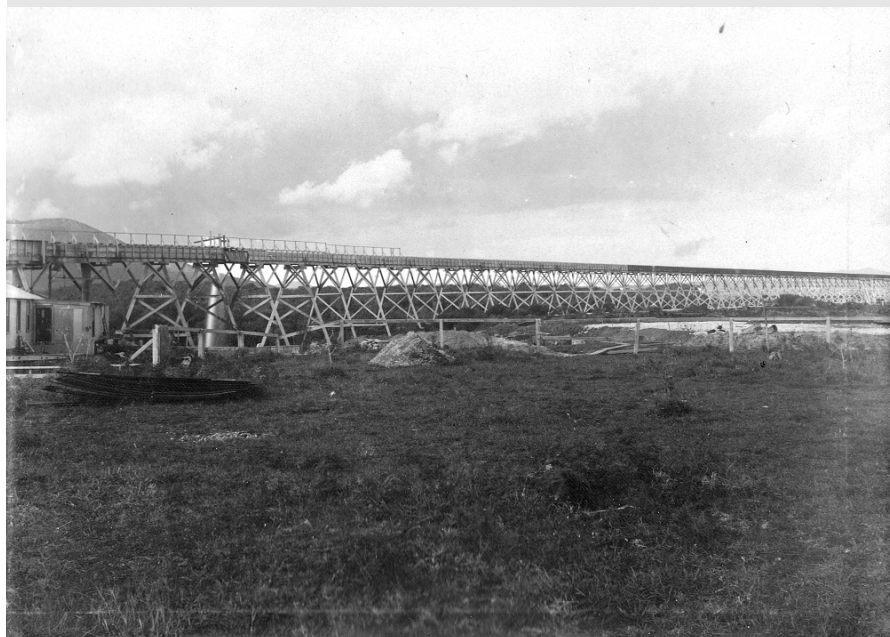


## Waimata Water Race System



Picture: Union Battery Waimata Flume- Source Waihi Arts Centre and Museum

### Location:

1. Waimata Race runs from above Waimata Cascades to Silverton/Union Battery.
2. Mangakiri Race flows from Mangakiri Dam to Waimata Dam.
3. Waimata Dam is on the river/road reserve by McHardy's Farm, downstream from bridge on Crean Rd. (2762753E 6417584N).
4. Mangakiri dam located on Torrens' farm, Pukewera Road (2760797E 6414884N).

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:**

**Historic Places Trust Category:**

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

**Other:**

### Physical Description:

1-2. The race is an open ground channel, mostly smoothed over. This extended into the now demolished race pictured above to feed into the Silverton/Union Battery.

3. A wooden bed log, bolts on either side of the stream, and notches in the rock (island) are visible, with the in-ground race on the true left bank heading for Silverton battery site.

4. Bed-log and planking are still clearly visible in the stream, with the race visible on the true right bank.

### District Plan Schedule

**Number:** HAU232

**Heritage Category:** C

### 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

# Historic Heritage Inventory



## Waimata Water Race System

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU232**

Heritage Category: **C**

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:**

**Date of Construction:** Unknown

**History:** All delivered water to the battery via ground channel and substantial elevated fluming.

In the case of (3), fluming carried the water across the Ohinemuri, adding water to the Waimata Stream upstream at a point near the present Old Cheese Factory (Ford Road).

The Mangakiri system (4) crossed the Old Tauranga Road (approx. GR 2761449,6415368) and joined the Waimata Stream to deliver water at the present old cheese factory site on Ford Road.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** unknown

**Integrity:**

**Current Uses:** ruin

**Former Uses:** Martha/Silverton/Union Battery

**Registered owner:** McHardy, Torrens, others

**Legal Description:**

**Reference Source:** E Lens

# Historic Heritage Inventory



## Waimata Water Race System

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU232**

Heritage Category: C

**Associated Pictures:** Waimata Dam site – Source E Lens

