

Historic Heritage Inventory



Gladstone Battery, Waihi



Photo Courtesy E Lens

Location: Located on the Southeastern boundary of Waihi (lat 37° 23'S, long 175° 50'E) in the southern portion of the Coromandel Peninsula. Between Union Hill and Gladstone Hill, Waihi

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

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

Other:

Physical Description: Remains of a 5 stamp battery and the Gladstone shaft.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

Materials:

Date of Construction: 1903

History: Mineralisation was identified at Gladstone Hill as far back as the 1870's-early 1880's.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU245**

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 (mining)
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

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History of changes:

Condition: unknown

Integrity: unknown

Current Uses:

Former Uses: gold processing

Registered owner:

Legal Description:

Reference Source: Eric Lens – Gladstone Workings Document

Associated Pictures:

Photo above shows Gladstone shaft and battery building. The shaft on the right has an ore chute to load trucks which get pushed into the battery building. The small opening in the middle of the end of the building is to allow passage of the cable from winding drum to poppet sheave (for lifting of the shaft cage). The (weather board) battery building suggests three levels (stone breaker near roof, stampers below this, and one or more lower levels for cyaniding), and the chimney from the lean-to suggests a small boiler (for the Tangye engine). Work ceased at this shaft circa 1902 (E. Lens).