

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME Te Hoe Memorial Hall
ADDRESS 1726 Tahuna Road, Te Hoe
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DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. x **HNZ LIST NO. & CATEGORY** N/A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION Pt Allot 328 Taupiri Parish
FILE NUMBERS 1004183
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1957
**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** White, Leigh, de Lisle & Fraser, architects
STYLE Modernist vernacular

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION & SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

Single-storey building with a T-shaped footprint and low-pitched gable roof forms. Principal, northern elevation has glazed entry sheltered by a cantilevered gabled porch. Concrete steps and a timber ramp provide access to the building. Main hall space has slightly higher gabled roof than combined entry and service wing at north/east end of the building. Bands of casement windows; service wing has fin buttresses. Gable end of symmetrical east elevation is set with the lettering 'Te Hoe Memorial Hall'; lettering also features above double doors of main entry. Entrance foyer features timber panelling and doors and the Te Hoe Memorial Roll of Honour.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Plastered brick/concrete [?], timber, corrugated metal.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Refurbished (2011).

SURROUNDINGS, CONTRIBUTION TO CONTEXT & EXTENT OF SCHEDULING

The hall stands on the south side of Tahuna Road; the property is bordered to the east by Proctor [Te Hoe] Road. Chip-seal car parking extends up to the building on its north and east elevations; the remainder of the property is grassed and there is a flagpole mounted on a stepped base to the west of the hall. The hall is a local landmark at the cross-roads that constitute the centre of Te Hoe. The extent of scheduling is the land parcel on which the hall is located, notwithstanding the hall's association with the tennis courts on the neighbouring property to the south.

HISTORY OF SITE/STRUCTURE/PLACE/AREA

A public hall opened in the small settlement of Te Hoe on 30 August 1912; the hall was located on the same site as the subject building and was also used as the local post office. Te Hoe School occupied the hall from 1912 until 1925, after which a school building was erected to the west of the hall. The Te Hoe Memorial Hall was built in the late 1950s as a World War II memorial. It is owned by Waikato District Council and run by a committee of local residents.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

As the development of this site post-dates 1900, its potential archaeological value would likely arise from any earlier use and occupation. Allotment 328, on which the hall is located, was surveyed in February 1892 and appears to have been undeveloped at that time (see SO 5480).

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Te Hoe Memorial Hall has architectural significance as a post-war Modernist style building designed by successful Hamilton architects White, Leigh, de Lisle & Fraser. The firm was the successor to the earlier architectural practise of Edgecumbe & White. White, Leigh, de Lisle & Fraser also designed the Founders' Memorial Theatre in Hamilton (1962), which was given an Award of Merit by the NZ Institute of Architects in 1964, as well as community halls at Tauwhare (1951), Te Kowhai (1954), and Huntly (1958). The exterior of the building retains a high level of authenticity.

CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Te Hoe Memorial Hall has cultural significance as a place of community identity and historic continuity. The building was erected as a World War II memorial, houses the Te Hoe Memorial Roll of Honour, and thus has commemorative significance. The honour roll is inscribed with the names of local World War I and II servicemen.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Te Hoe Memorial Hall has historic significance for its association with the people of Te Hoe and the social and community events held in the hall since 1958. The building is typical of the useful community buildings erected as local memorials after World War II. A variety of club meetings, social and community events been held in the hall over the years and the hall is the sole community building at Te Hoe since the school was closed in c.1995.

SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Te Hoe Memorial Hall has scientific value for its potential to provide further information about the building's design and use as a community hall.

TECHNOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Te Hoe Memorial Hall has technological value for its mid-20th century construction methods and materials.

• SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The Te Hoe Memorial Hall has overall heritage significance to Waikato District. The hall has architectural significance for its Modernist design by successful Waikato architectural firm White, Leigh, de Lisle & Fraser. The Te Hoe Memorial Hall has cultural significance as a war memorial and meeting place for the community and historic significance for its association with the people of Te Hoe and the community activities undertaken there. The Te Hoe Memorial Hall has technological value for its construction methods and materials.

• RECOMMENDED CATEGORY OF HISTORIC HERITAGE LISTING

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Extent of scheduling, Te Hoe Memorial Hall, 1726 Tahuna Road, Te Hoe.