

Attachment 2:

Proposals made by HNZPT that are not recommended for scheduling Submission 559.236

1] Waikato War Fallen Soldiers' Graves, Ngaruawahia Cemetery

Thirteen imperial soldiers, including Sgt Freeman Jamieson, who died during the Waikato War were initially buried in the Octagon in Ngaruawahia. Their remains were disinterred and reburied in the Ngaruawahia Public Cemetery in July 1882; the cemetery had opened in early 1880. On 1 June 1915 a memorial obelisk was unveiled at the gravesite under the oversight of Edith Statham of the Victoria League. The monument, which is similar to that located on Old Taupiri Road (Schedule 30.1 heritage item 82), stands on a concrete base that it shares with the gravestone of Sgt Jamieson and three other grave markers. [Jamieson's gravestone had been removed from the original Octagon burial site.] The original perimeter fence is no longer extant and the monument's historic and aesthetic values are most appropriately recognised within the cemetery's reserve management plan.

2] Otua Hall

The building dates to c.1898 and has been extended at least three times. It was considered for scheduling as part of the district plan review but although it has historic interest and social importance to the community the building has insufficient authenticity to merit inclusion on Schedule 30.1.

3] Tauwhare Community and War Memorial Hall

The building dates to 1953; it was extended in 1983. Although it has historic and cultural values, the hall does not meet the criteria for inclusion on Schedule 30.1. Ongoing maintenance and use will ensure that the importance of the hall to the community will be sustained. It is noted that the HNZPT summary report dated 29 May 2015 notes that the building has 'some heritage values' and 'could be recommended' for scheduling.

4] Te Uku Memorial Hall

The building was erected in 1968. Although it has historic and cultural values, there is insufficient information to support inclusion on Schedule 30.1. Ongoing maintenance and use will ensure that the importance of the hall to the community can be sustained. It is noted that the HNZPT summary report dated 4 June 2015 notes that the building has 'some heritage values'.

5] Tuakau Services Memorial

The Tuakau Services Cemetery was established in c.1970 and the memorial was erected in 2004. In time it may accrue historic heritage significance but until then its historic and cultural values should be recognised within the overall management and maintenance of the Tuakau Cemetery reserve.

6] Waikaretu War Memorial Hall

The building was erected in c.1952, extended in c.1977 and refurbished in the early 1990s. Although it has historic and cultural values, there is insufficient information to support inclusion on Schedule 30.1. Ongoing maintenance and use will ensure that the importance of the hall to the community can be sustained. It is noted that the HNZPT summary report dated 20 May 2015 notes that the building has 'some heritage values'.

7] Whatawhata Waikato War Soldiers' Memorial

By January 1864 a redoubt had been built at Whatawhata to keep the Waipa River supply route open during the Waikato War; a small military cemetery was subsequently established on the riverbank. Erosion undermined this site and some or all of the remains interred in this cemetery were subsequently relocated to the town cemetery, possibly in the early 1900s. When the Town of Whatawhata was surveyed in 1890 twin

Native Burial and Cemetery Reserves were located on allotments 284 and 285 overlooking the Waipa River at the south end of the village (see SO 5813). In the event, the people of Whatawhata buried their dead in Ngaruawahia until a cemetery was established to the west of the town in the early 1890s.

The Whatawhata Waikato War Soldiers' Memorial was erected by the New Zealand government and unveiled by RF Bollard MP on Anniversary Day (29 January) in 1914; MP JA Young was *not* in attendance although that had been intended. The memorial was the first of a number erected in the Waikato specifically at the behest of Edith Statham of the Victoria League. Official efforts to commit the government to erecting memorials at Pokeno and Whatawhata to commemorate the soldiers buried there had been in train since at least 1899. As a government monument, the headstone is maintained by the Ministry of Culture and Heritage (MCH).

The memorial was damaged in 2015 and repaired with the installation of an inscribed backing stone in 2017. It is not in original condition, the headstone and base both having been altered very recently. The heavy post and rail surround, while intended to protect the memorial from further damage, detracts from its appearance. The memorial lacks sufficient authenticity and is best managed and protected by MCH.

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