

## WDC Heritage Ranking Guidance Notes

The following Guidance Notes assist in the identification and assessment of built heritage items and areas.

### Proposed Guidance Notes:

- Each heritage item will be described and evaluated in relation to each assessment criterion.
- A determination of high significance or significance should be made for each criterion and then an overall assessment of significance reached in a summary statement.
- The assessment report [Built Heritage Inventory Record Form] for each heritage building, place, area or object will be accompanied by a research file. The report will reiterate the research in order to describe the item in sufficient detail to substantiate the assessment of significance under each criterion.
- The Built Heritage Inventory Record Form will not be an exhaustive record of all research information, nor provide a comprehensive history of the built heritage item.
- Where some value under a criterion is present but the threshold for significance or high significance is not reached this will be noted for information purposes.
- Peer review of Built Heritage Inventory Record Forms may be undertaken to determine whether the information and evaluation presented supports scheduling and the level of significance indicated.
- The heritage assessment may acknowledge the importance of the built heritage item in a national or international context but a determination of significance and the level of significance [A or B ranking] will be primarily determined by the item's significance to Waikato District.
- A determination of significance [B ranking] will arise from one or more criterion for significance being met, such that the evidence is credible, the item contributes to an understanding of Waikato District's development and identity and it has a good degree of integrity.
- A determination of a 'high level' of significance [A ranking] will arise from one or more criterion for significance being met, such that the evidence is especially credible, the item is important to an understanding of Waikato District's development and identity and it has a high degree of integrity.