



Applications for entry on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero Historic Places and Historic Areas

Entry on the New Zealand Heritage List/ Rārangī Kōrero ('the List') signifies that a place or area is part of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. Your application must identify the heritage values of the place or area you recommend for entry on the List. You must also explain why you believe those values are important. Your explanations must be supported by evidence. Incomplete or unsupported applications are unlikely to be accepted.

Before you start

- ▶ Is the place/area *already* entered on the List? Check with your local Heritage New Zealand Regional or Area office. (See the Guideline for contact details)
- ▶ Read the Information Sheet.
- ▶ Read the Guideline.

Application Questions Use the Guideline for advice on answering each question

1. What is the name of the place or area?

Golden Hills Hut (colloquially now called 'old' Golden Hills Hut as a new modern hut by the same name has been built in the area)

2. Where is the place or area? (Attachment required) Mark the location of your place or area on the map provided.

Land block: Owhaoko D1 between the Kaimanawa and Kaweka ranges (see attached maps)

Hut location near the northern boundary of the block: Lat/Long. -39.219813, 176.156555

3. What is the legal description of the place or area? If a legal description isn't available, please ensure the location information above is sufficient to identify the place or area.

LINZ: Parcel ID : 4056565; Parcel Name: Pt Owhaoko D1; Survey Area : 1239.3497

Maori Land Court: Block ID : 20004; District: Aotea; Title Order Ref: 33 NA 44-46

4. Do you know who owns the place or area?

Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes please provide details. (Attachment required.)

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5. Who might be interested in the place or area?

Local iwi and land owners - Ngati Tamawhiti

Heritage Trail walkers; Hunting/fishing/eco tourism parties

Ngamatea Station owners and past workers

6. Who have you consulted about your application? If you are not the owner(s), please indicate here any consultation undertaken with the owner(s), and their views expressed.

Owhaoko B&D Trustees

Heritage listing was raised at Owhaoko B&D Trust AGM 19th Nov. 2016 as part of the General Manager's report which was adopted unanimously.

7. What are your aims in applying for entry on the List?

The Golden Hills Hut has significant local history stemming from its usage from the late 1800's and as such needs to be preserved as a historical place of interest for heritage trail walkers, guests of local eco-tourism enterprises and and traditional owners who currently use the area for annual hui. (continued in Q.7 notes)

8. How does your place or area compare with other similar places?

There are only a few surviving mustering huts that are listed in books or online, similar in design and historic purpose.

Hunters and trampers talk of other huts, derelict or otherwise but these are difficult to verify.

(for a description of other huts refer to Q.8 notes)

9. Why do you think it is important? Make a case for the significance of your place or area under one or more of these values: Aesthetic, Archaeological, Architectural, Cultural, Historical, Scientific, Social, Spiritual, Technological or Traditional. (*Your statements must be supported by evidence.*)

Historical Value

Golden Hills Hut represents a period in NZ history that developed a unique life style for the pioneers of high sheep stations in wild and unbroken backcountry.

Not only a remaining prime example of a pioneer stockman's hut, the value of Golden Hills is intrinsically wrapped in the history of what was renowned as a 'mecca for backcountry musterers'.

The station could be considered equal to some of the largest South Island stations in terms of vastness, remote location and numbers of sheep mustered. A true stockman envied all who took their turn at mustering on Ngamatea sheep station

The station once called Ōwhaoko, first leased in 1878 eventually became one of the largest sheep stations in the North Island, extending between the upper Rangitikei and Ngaruroro rivers and the Kaimanawa, Kaweka and Ruahine ranges.

The station stretched 50 kms long and double that by horseback, and so the Golden Hills holding paddock became a central muster point of sheep before finally heading back to the station for shearing.

Built in the 1925, Golden Hills, the largest hut, was a vital point in the network of eight outlying huts and two tent camps. Each hut had a horse paddock and holding pen.

(For full text and references - refer to Q.9 notes and published evidence referencing Golden Hills)

10. Can you make a case for entry on the List as a Category 1 historic place? *(Remember to check the Guideline for assistance.)*

Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes please describe.

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11. Have you visited the place or area?

Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes provide details and dates.

Two recent visits have been made by the Trust to assess the viability for restoration. The first late 2016 and more recently in February 2017.

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12. How would you describe the place or area? *(Attachments optional.)* Remember to consider these questions: What is the surrounding area like? What does the place or area include? What is it made from? What does it look like? What is it like inside?

It is a typical 12'x14' size (4.1mx5.1m) built in those days, has rock fireplace and corrugated iron chimney at the back, a wooden door in the front and small two high windows at the either end. The steep pitched hut is made of split beech poles cut from the local bush, the roof and walls are malthoid covered with corrugated iron. (continued description refer to supporting document Q.12)

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13. What condition is it in?

The age of the hut has seen its condition decline, particularly within the last ten year's when the hut hasn't been used as often because there is now a modern hunters' hut in the region. A registered qualified builder has assessed the hut's condition and feels that the prospect of restoration is very viable. (see further information in Q.13 notes)

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14. What is the history of the place or area? *(Attachments required.)*

The hut was built by in 1925 by the then owners, Messrs Carmichel and Ruddenclaw to accommodate men when working in the area as part of the network of camps for the muster.

(for further history refer to Q.14 notes)

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15. What information is available on the place or area? Where have you looked for information? What books or papers have you used? What other materials have you used? Do you know where other information might be found?

Ngamatea, the land & the people - Hazel Riseborough (in particular Chapter 4 The Muster)

Sunrise on the Hills - Christopher Lethbridge

Backcountry Tales - Lester Masters

Matts Last Muster - Jeanette Crossley

Golden Hills Hut Visitor's Book

Living musterers from mid 1950's - Jack Roberts and Ray Birdsall

(for other publications - refer to Bibliography and Photocopied Content in supporting documents)

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Signing and Dating Your Application

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Final check

Your recommendation will not be considered until each question is completed, the attachments provided, and the application is signed and dated.

Have you:

- ☐ Answered each question?
- ☐ Attached your map?
- ☐ Attached the certificate of title (if available)?
- ☐ Included recent photographs of the place (if available)?
- ☐ Attached copies of the evidence you have relied on?
- ☐ Signed and dated the form?