

Where to find the District Plan

You can find the schedule of Heritage sites, items and trees under Appendix 4 and 6 at www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/our-services/district-plan-and-resource-consents/districtplan

What do I have to consider when planning work to, or around, heritage buildings?

Outside of general maintenance work to the building, most other work on Class A and B items require resource consent from Ruapehu District Council. Class C buildings do not require consent, as they have been listed for information purposes only.

In addition to the relevant rules within the appropriate zone, all buildings classified as class A or B are subject to the rules within the Heritage Chapter of the Ruapehu District Plan, which can be found on Council's website.

Additionally, Heritage New Zealand is regarded as an affected party to all resource consent applications on Class A or B item within the District.

It is recommended that anyone considering doing work to a heritage building contact Council before work begins, to ensure work is allowable and will not be detrimental to the heritage building.

Heritage New Zealand can also be contacted for advice at www.heritage.org.nz.

St Joseph's Church, Ohakune

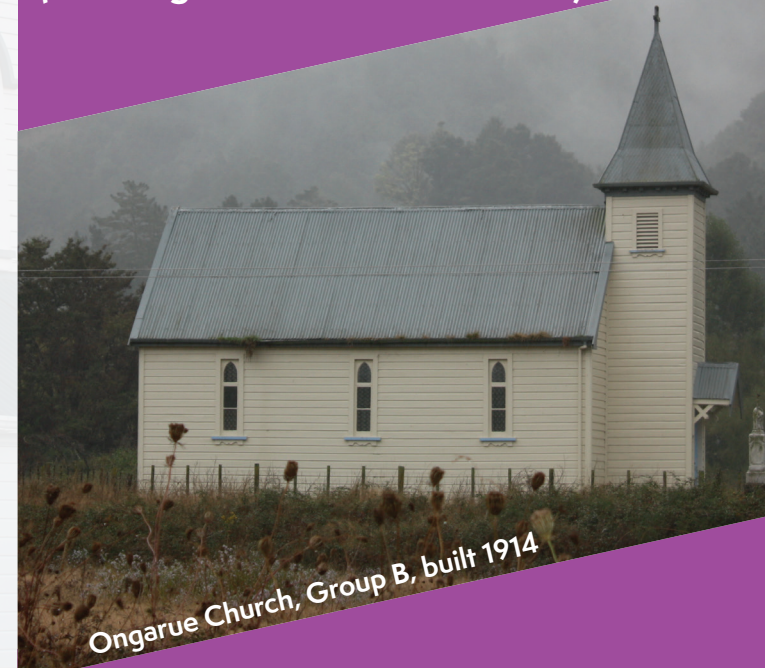
This unique church was designed and built by former Ohakune Mayor, Harry Delamare. Opened on 3 August 1930, it is still used today.



A Guide to

Heritage Sites, Buildings and Trees: Protection

(Relating to Resource Consents)



Ongarue Church, Group B, built 1914

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Heritage sites, items and trees help us to remember and celebrate our past. In order to protect these sites and allow us to continue to enjoy them, the following rules have been set out for:

- Maintenance/Repairs of Buildings and Sites
- Interior Alterations
- Signage
- Heritage Trees

Classes of Buildings and Sites

Group	Specific Rules?	Reason
Buildings		
A	Yes	Category I in Heritage New Zealand or those regarded as having outstanding District-wide significance
B	Yes	Category II in Heritage New Zealand or those regarded as having some District-wide significance
C	No	Sites identified for information only, that are not protected by Heritage Rules
Sites		
All	Yes	District significance

If a resource consent is needed, all sites above (excluding Group C Buildings) written consent from Heritage New Zealand is required.

You can find the group of your building and/or site under Appendix 4, Schedules A and B on our website (www.ruapehudc.govt.nz) under 'Our Services' in the District Plan. Please contact the council to confirm group.

Maintenance and Repairs

Heritage Buildings

Materials may be repaired through patching, piecing-in, splicing and consolidating existing materials. Components such as bricks, cut stone, timber sections, tiles and slates may be replaced if they are damaged beyond repair, are missing or are vital for structural safety. To reduce any visual effects on the site, all replaced items need to be of the original or similar materials. The colour, texture and form should be designed to fit the originals they replace.

Interior Alterations

You can make any interior alteration to the building as long as the interior is not specifically listed as a 'Feature(s) of Interest' under Schedule A in Appendix 4 of the District Plan.

Signage

Signs to be placed on a Group A or B building or within the setting of a Group A building must:

- Have a maximum area of 0.5m².
- Must not be internally illuminated.

Please contact Council before erecting any signs, as other specific conditions may apply.

Heritage Trees

Resource consent is generally required for felling heritage trees and major limb removals.

Any minor trimming, pruning or maintenance that can be undertaken with hand operated clippers in accordance with accepted arboricultural practice or by a qualified arborist does not need consent.



*Black Beech
Mangawhero Terrace, Ohakune*

Only after a report has been lodged by a qualified arborist and accepted by the Council, may any dead, damaged or diseased limbs of a tree be removed. A report must be submitted and accepted by Council before any tree that is dead, dying, terminally damaged by disease or natural causes can be felled.

All removals and fellings are to be carried out by a qualified arborist. Contact Council before removing any limbs or felling any heritage tree.

A list of all Heritage Trees is available in Appendix 6 of the District Plan.