



Tutahi Church, 3165 State Highway 3

c.1870

Use	Church	Historic Value	4 out of 5
Materials	Timber, corrugated iron roof	Architectural Value	3 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Not registered	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12420-118-00	Symbolic Value	3 out of 3
Legal Description	Nukumarū 1BE Blk IX Nukumarū SD – Maori Reserve	Rarity	- out of 2
		Townscape Value	- out of 2
		Group Value	- out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	11 out of 20
Reference	Sh3		

Description

The two windows in the front façade contain leadlight glass, with the same glass designed window above the front door. It has double hung side windows with single light sashes.

History

Tutahi Church is built on the site of the Tauranga Iki Pa, and also marks the place where the 1860's Taranaki Land wars began and ended. It is a very significant and spiritual site for Maori.

Those soldiers associated with the Tutahi Church who went away to fight in World War II all returned. It is thought that this may have some connection with the spirituality of the church.

Although accurate information has been lost, it is thought that this church was built in 1870. A bible is known to have been placed in the foundation stone and the church is reputed to have considerable spiritual and healing power.

In 2002, a local and national Maori public figure, Dalvanus Prime was buried at this site.

Architect

Not known.

Builder

Not known.

Sources

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