



On the move? Warea's disused St Mark's Anglican Church.

Church on the move?

Warea's 66-year-old Anglican church could soon have a new job and a new home.

A New Plymouth couple, Robert Clement and Catherine Kalin, are seeking planning permission to shift the disused building to a Plymouth Rd site near

Oakura for use as a craft workshop and possible display area for Taranaki artists.

The last church service was held about 40 years ago. The building has been used by the Warea Scout Group which has since gone into recess.

The promise of attracting tourists on route to Pukeiti is part of the deci-

sion to shift the church to leased land on Plymouth Rd.

The couple have bought the church on the condition that it be moved.

However, a question-mark could hang over whether the church could be moved.

The North Taranaki District Council's building inspector would report on

whether the church was relocatable, said the council's planning officer, Mr Colin Comber yesterday.

This assessment would be included in a report to the council's town planning committee when the application is heard in August.

A shrinking rural congregation and a lack of finances saw the church close in the mid-1970s, said Mrs Margaret Wells, whose father-in-law donated the land for the church in the 1920s as a memorial to his son who died during World War I.

The church is presently sitting in overgrown grounds about three kilometres north of the Warea township.

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