

**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM**

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**2021 District Plan Item No.** HH065

**HERITAGE ITEM NAME** former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building

**ADDRESS** 93 Ivory Street, Rangiora

**PHOTOGRAPH**



(Dr A McEwan, 9 July 2019)

**DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO.** H076      **HNZ LIST NO. & CATEGORY** 3772 / 2  
(at time of assessment)

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** Part Lot 3 DP 6146

**VALUATION NUMBER** 2166102100

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** 1924-25

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/  
BUILDER** Guthrie Brothers, architects; T Shankland, builder

**STYLE** Neoclassical

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

Single-storey building with rectangular footprint and half-hipped roof. Principal, north-facing elevation has a temple front façade divided in to three bays with paired columns and solid parapet bearing relief lettering 'Northern A & P Association'. Side entry on east elevation has been covered over. Windows on east and south elevations are multi-pane casements with plain surrounds.

**MATERIALS/STRUCTURE**

Reinforced concrete, cement plaster, corrugated metal.

**ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS**

Façade altered with removal of original panelled doors and flanking multi-pane sash windows on façade (date unknown). New glass panels set into façade as part of building strengthening and refurbishment (2017-18).

**SETTING**

The building forms the backdrop of the Rangiora Soldiers' Memorial (H080) at the intersection of High and Ivory Streets. The site is bordered by Alfred Street to the south and is on the

eastern fringe of the town centre. The extent of setting is the footprint of the building, which covers the whole land parcel and may extend over in to the road reserve.

## **HISTORY**

The Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association was founded in 1866 and held its first show in the same year. The association erected a hall and offices, on land gifted by Charles Leech, in 1924-25; the building was officially opened on 30 March 1926 by the Hon OJ Hawken, Minister of Agriculture. In the mid-1960s the building was used briefly by the BNZ and ANZ banks while new banking chambers were being erected. It has been used for a variety of commercial uses since that time and reopened after strengthening and refurbishment as a bar and café in November 2018. The association is now based at the Rangiora Showgrounds at the northern end of Ashley Street and continues to organise the annual Rangiora Show. A 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary book was published about the association in 2016.

## **HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building has historic and social significance for its association with the Northern A & P Association and the development of Rangiora's rural economy.

## **CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building has cultural value as a building refurbished after the 2010/11 Canterbury earthquakes and as a demonstration of the way of life of the members of the Northern A & P Association in the former part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## **ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building has architectural significance as the work of notable Christchurch architectural partnership the Guthrie Brothers. JS 'Jack' Guthrie (1883-1946) worked in partnership with his brother Maurice and in the 1910s and 1920s the firm was one of Christchurch's most successful. Jack Guthrie is a significant figure in New Zealand's architectural history owing to the design of the landmark California bungalow 'Los Angeles' (1909) and for introducing the American Colonial Georgian Revival style to New Zealand with Long Cottage (1917), both in Christchurch. In addition to a number of Canterbury homestead designs, including 'Rakahuri' at Glentui (1918, H111), the Guthrie Brothers were also responsible for the 1918 extension of Ivey Hall at Lincoln College and the main block at Christchurch Boys' High School (1926). The partnership was dissolved in 1926.

## **TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building has technological and craftsmanship value for the quality of its reinforced concrete construction and classical detailing. Thomas Shankland (c.1881-1932) was a Rangiora builder who had served his apprenticeship with William Wadey and had premises in Ashley Street.

## **CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building has contextual significance as a local historic feature within the Rangiora town centre and in relation Rangiora Soldiers' Memorial.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE**

As the building post-dates 1900 and fully occupies the land parcel on which it stands, its site appears likely to have limited potential archaeological value.

## SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building has overall heritage significance to Rangiora and the district of Waimakariri. The building has historical and social significance for its association with the Northern A & P Association and North Canterbury farmers and cultural value as a refurbished heritage building. The former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building has architectural significance for its Neoclassical design by the Guthrie Brothers and technological and craftsmanship value for its reinforced concrete construction and classical detailing. The former Northern Agricultural and Pastoral Association building has contextual significance as a Rangiora town centre historic feature.

## HERITAGE CATEGORY

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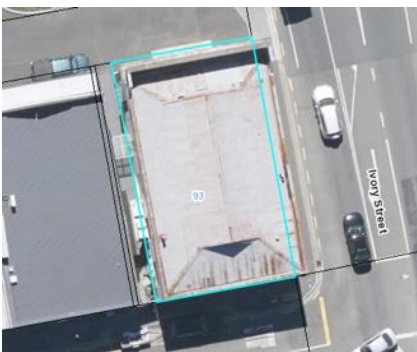
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Extent of setting, former Northern A & P building, 93 Ivory Street, Rangiora.



Opening of hall and as built. Kete Waimakariri.