



Denbigh Road Dairy Factory

Cnr. Denbigh and Mountain Rd

1916

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| Use: | None | Historic Value: | 2 out of 5 |
| Materials: | Concrete | Architectural Value: | - out of 4 |
| NZHPT Registered: | Not registered | Technical Value: | 1 out of 2 |
| Legal Description: | - | Symbolic Value: | - out of 3 |
| | | Rarity Value: | - out of 2 |
| | | Townscape Value: | 1 out of 2 |
| | | Group Value: | - out of 2 |
| | | Overall Heritage Value: | 4 out of 20 |



Denbigh Road was a thriving community in the late 1890s. A sawmill had commenced, a school had started with a roll of 32 pupils, and the Denbigh Road Hall had been erected.

Jack Neilson built a big concrete building on the corner of Denbigh Road in 1916, to use as a cheese factory. Mr. Neilson claimed Denbigh Road to be the first dairy factory to give the farmers a guaranteed price for their milk. The factory was built with two vats, and manufactured cheese and whey butter until the early 1920s.



The factory was later used as a Taranaki Electric - Power Board working depot while power was being taken to the whole area. It stood derelict until the 1950s, when it was re-roofed and renovated for use by the Spic and Span dry-cleaning business. In 1962, it was taken over by M.L. Hignett Ltd to be used as an engineering shop.

The factory is longer in use, but stands as a symbol of the community of Denbigh Road that once was in existence.

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