Il GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME	Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates
ADDRESS	14 Coutts Street, Gore
PHOTOGRAPH	

(GDC, October 2021)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. (at time of assessment)	H14	**HNZ LIST NO. & CATEGORY**	n/a
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 21 DP 87		
GDC FILE NUMBER	3211289		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	1923		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/ BUILDER	Unknown		
STYLE	Ornamental vehicle & pedestrian gates		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Six cement rendered piers bearing commemorative plaques with wrought iron vehicle and pedestrian gates hanging off the central piers. Side piers are linked by a low wall.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Brick, cement, wrought iron.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Addition of plaques dedicated to former pupils who served in WWII (post-1945).

SETTING

The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates stand on the road boundary of the school campus; until 2017 they provided access to the school's boarding hostels. The scheduled setting is limited to the immediate setting of the memorial gates, rather than the land parcel as a whole.

HISTORY

Boarding hostels for country pupils of Gore District High School were opened in Coutts Road in 1923. At that time, the school itself was still located in Richmond Street. In May 1922 it had been decided that the school's war memorial would take the form of entrance gates at the new hostel grounds, and these were subsequently unveiled by the Hon GJ Anderson, Minister of Labour, on 9 May 1923. In 1954 the school relocated to Coutts Street, thus considerably reducing travel times for hostel residents. With boarder numbers declining and maintenance costs increasing the hostels were demolished in 2017; the gates remain.

HISTORIC AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates have historic significance for their association with GHS's commemoration of World War I and II and the practice of school communities erecting memorials to former teachers and students. The gates are directly connected to the 93 former GHS pupils, and their descendants, whose names are inscribed upon the piers.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates have cultural significance as a place of community identity and historic continuity.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates have aesthetic value as ornamental gates designed to accommodate commemorative plaques. The designer of the gates is currently unknown.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates have craftsmanship value for the quality of their construction and detailing. The maker of the gates is currently unknown.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates have contextual significance as a campus feature and as a reminder of the boys' and girls' hostels and the foundation history of the school on its Coutts Street site.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the memorial gates post-date 1900, any potential archaeological significance of the site would likely relate to its earlier use and development. The inscriptions on the memorial offer the potential to gain further understanding of the impact of World War I & II on Gore High School and the wider community.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates have overall heritage significance to Gore and to the district of Gore as a whole. The memorial gates have historical and social significance for their association with the former pupils who served in World War I & II and cultural significance given their commemorative purpose. The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates have aesthetic value as ornamental vehicle and pedestrian entrance gates and craftsmanship value for the quality of their construction and detailing. The Gore (District) High School War Memorial Gates have contextual significance as an historic campus feature and a reminder of the foundation history of the school on its Coutts Street site.

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Extent of scheduling, limed to immediate setting, Gore High School War Memorial Gates, 14 Coutts Street, Gore.

Land parcel as a whole with location of gates marked by star.