


PART ONE: IDENTIFICATION

Place Name:	TOTARA NORTH GUMSTORE , Totara North, Whangaroa				
Image:	 <p>Image Copyright (February 2013) Google Streetview</p>				
Site Address:	250 Totara North Rd, Totara North, Whangaroa				
Legal Description:					
Certificate of Title:	N/A				
Physical Description:	<p>Constructed ca. 1894 as a store and gum sorting rooms. The site is comprised of two buildings of timber construction, connected together with a small addition, built on timber piles over the foreshore and later reclamation area (This conclusion is based on a photograph dating from ca.1900 which shows both structures as separate units. A third structure is present in the photograph, but is now no longer extant.) The first structure comprises of a former store building with timber casement windows, high pitched corrugated iron gable roof, with catslide (or skillion) hip roof on the south side elevation joining into the veranda roof line and entrance on the east elevation. A clerestory window opening is inserted above the entrance. The second structure consists of a low pitch gable roof of corrugated iron, and timber casement windows. The footprint of the buildings including deck additions (ca.1994) and barbeque area sited on the old reclamation area have total dimensions of 35.4 metres long and 17 metres wide.</p>				
Site Type:	Commercial Building				
Approx. date (or range)	Ca. 1894/95. Out of use 1963/64 - 1982. 1982 restored and reoccupied				
NZAA Site No:	No				
NZ Heritage List:	No				
Regional or District Plan Schedule	Not Scheduled in the Far North District Plan. Scheduled under the Northland Regional Coastal Plan Schedule 2: Existing Structures Controlled of the Regional Coastal Plan Reference: B10031				
Recorded NZTM grid reference:					
Easting:	1665222	Northing:	6122170	Position:	Whole of building.

					Excludes reclamation (under FNDC management)
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PART TWO: HISTORIC HERITAGE EVALUATION

Criterion	Comments	Value*
(a) Archaeological and / or scientific importance	It is unclear if the building has any archaeological value, however it was reported in 1895, that Molesworth and Saies the originators of the structure had salvaged timbers from the wreck of the Boyd (1809). The structures' fabric could be investigated to determine if any of the materials taken from the Boyd had been used in its construction.	2
(b) Architecture and technology	The building is not particularly remarkable for its construction or technology	2
(c) Rarity	Stores around Northland during the late 19th and early 20th centuries were relatively common in Northland. A number of them have survived to the present day. These include historic stores at Opuā, Mangonui, Kerikeri, Waimate, Kaitiā and Ohaeawai. The Opuā, Mangonui and Whangaroa (Boyd Gallery) stores are similar to the Totara North Gumstore (Gumstore Bar and Grill) in that they are constructed on piles on a foreshore area over water	2
(d) Representative-ness	The building has high value as an example of a relatively intact building from the 1890s. The overall structure remains unchanged other than sympathetic restoration to maintain the heritage characteristics of the structures still extant on site.	3
(e) Integrity	The building's structure is still readily apparent, as are the original timber casement windows, making it still recognisable as a late 19th century building. It should be noted the structures were restored by the present owner who purchased it in 1982.	3
(f) Context	The buildings formed part of the Molesworth and Saies store complex. A third structure sited behind as a gum sorting room and similar in architectural nature to the store building is no longer extant. They are associated with a number of such stores in the region, which demonstrate the relationship between commercial trade, the kauri gum industry and the foreshore in the late 19th century.	3

(g) People and events	Primarily the store is associated with the Saies family who operated the store continuously from 1894 until 1964 when the store was closed. The site is also associated with Dover Nassau O'Dwyer Molesworth (1860-1897), who along with William Henry Saies (1848-1929) who operated the store under the partnership of Molesworth and Saies between 1894-1897. During that time period from 1895, the partnership operated an international export gum business when Molesworth and Saies joined their business interests together. The gum was exported as far afield as New York, USA and London, England. By 1897, the firm owned and leased the majority of the gum land in the area around the Whangaroa Harbour. During that time period several branches of Molesworth and Saies gumstores were located around the region. Dover Molesworth tragically drowned in the Whangaroa Harbour in 1897. From 1898 onwards the store also became a post office operated by initially by William Saies, and subsequently by members of the Saies family until its closure in 1963/64	3
(h) Identity	The Whangaroa Harbour is known as one of New Zealand's earliest locations for contact between local Maori and Europeans the first event being recorded in 1805, thus forming part of New Zealand's earliest history for both Iwi and European settlement. The former gumstore was built approximately 90 years after the first European contact with Maori at Whangaroa. It has existed on the site for well over a century The site is well recognised as a significant historic feature along the Totara North foreshore by both visitors to the area and the community it serves.	3
(i) Tangata whenua	It is unknown if the resource, place or feature is important to Tangata whenua. It is recommended further investigation should be undertaken.	U
(j) Statutory	The resource is not scheduled in the Far North District Plan.	2
Threshold for Scheduling	Minimum of 3/High in two criteria:	3

*Outstanding – 4; High – 3; Moderate – 2; little – 1; None – 0; or Not Known or unassessed - U.

PART THREE: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Statement of Significance:	The Totara North Gum Store (Gumstore Bar and Grill) is of high historic heritage value for its representativeness, intactness and contribution to context. It has high importance as an example of a late 19 th century commercial establishment built on piles over water that has served the Totara community almost continuously for over a century firstly as a gumstore/store, post office and presently a bar and grill. The structure has a long term association with the Saies family who operated the business from for several decades serving both the local and wider community. The structure is a rare example of an intact commercial building associated with the gum trade in the Northland region.
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PART FOUR: EVALUATION RECOMMENDATION

Identified criteria	(d), (e), (f), (g), (h)
Overall Value*	High
Overall Score*	3
Overall Context**	Regional
Eligibility for scheduling:	Yes
Extent of Place:	Yes (refer to diagram in Part 6)
Interior protected:	Not protected
Potential Tangata Whenua value:	Not a site of Maori Origin
Pre-1900 or gazetted archaeological site:	No

* Outstanding/ Score 4: of exceptional importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is essential.

High/ Score 3: of great importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is very important.

Moderate/ Score 2: of some importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is desirable.

Low/ Score 1: of limited importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is of low importance.

NA/None/ Score 0: none identified.

** Overall Context: the geographical significance at a local, regional or higher scale, should also be given.

PART FIVE: MANAGEMENT/ RISK INFORMATION

Criterion	Comments	Value*
Occupancy/ Use:	The building has been continuously occupied since ca. 1883, and has been used in store related activities since construction. The building is not under the jurisdiction of the Far North District Plan.	2
Management	The site is located in the Coastal Marine Area and is not protected under the Far North District Plan (outside of jurisdiction). It is however scheduled Northland Regional Coastal Plan Schedule 2: Existing Structures Controlled of the Regional Coastal Plan Reference: B10031	2
Condition:	The present condition is assumed to be good based on written reports, and more recent photographs, however the site was not visited	2
Fragility/ Vulnerability	Although the building is in an active foreshore environment, the structure has been maintained and is relatively durable.	2
Threats	The site is on the foreshore and coastal erosion/ processes are a threat if routine maintenance is not carried out.	2
Overall risk:	Moderate	2

*0 – None, 1 - Low, 2- Moderate, 3 - High, 4 – Critical

Criterion	Comments	Value*
Opportunities:	The building is currently in use as a bar and grill that serves the local community and visitors to the area. There is strong land use compatibility (e.g. continued original use) as it is still consented for retail activities.	3

*0 – None, 1 - Low, 2- Moderate, 3 - High, 4 – Outstanding

PART SIX- EXTENT OF PLACE



NZTM coordinates:

Easting:	1667680	Northing:	6120850	Position:	Whole of building, excluding old reclamation
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Note This is an approximation only site has not been visited

ADMINISTRATION

Desktop Date:		Site Visit Date:	Not visited		
Site Accessibility:					
Evaluated by:	Elizabeth Clark			Date:	
Reviewed by:				Date:	
Approved by:	Jon Trewin	Draft:		Final:	16/08/2017
NRC Assessment ID:	19	NRC Schedule ID [Leave Blank]			

APPENDIX 1 Supporting Research

Sources Checklist:	Checked
Northland Coastal Plan schedule	Y
Kaipara District Plan schedule	-
Far North District Plan schedule	Y
Whangarei District Plan schedule	-
NZAA ArchSite database	-
LINZ/ Quickmaps	-
New Zealand Heritage List	-
Google Maps	Y
Whangarei Libraries Northland Room Digital Collections (http://whangarei.recollect.co.nz/)	-
Whites Aviation Archive National Library	Y
Papers Past	Y
Te Ara Encyclopaedia	Y
NZ History Online	Y
Archives NZ	Y
IPENZ Engineering Heritage Register http://www.ipenz.org.nz/heritage/default.cfm	-

Bibliography:

Author(s)	Date	Title	Publisher	Location