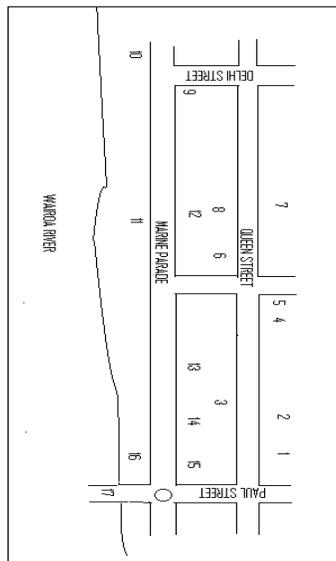


WAIROA HISTORICAL BUILDINGS WALK



1. *St Joseph's School and Convent*

In 1911 Father Le Pretre opened St Joseph's School and Convent. The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart came to teach and guide the young people of the parish. This is now the Catholic Presbytery.



2. *St Peter's Church*

St Peter's, Queen Street, was built by Arthur Robson Gardiner and was blessed on 15 October, 1882.



3. *Kahungunu Executive*

Originally an administration block for the Wairoa Electric Power Board, Kahungunu Executive opened on 20 April, 1970.



4. *County Council Building*

Wairoa County Council Chambers were built in 1920. Additions in the form of Council Chambers were added in 1930. The building is in the style of a double bay villa, constructed of rimu and totara. Council was relocated in 1962. Today the building houses a number of community organisations. The building carries a NZHPT Class 2 classification.



5. *Post Office*

Opened in 1974, this building served as Wairoa's Post Office until 6th January 1997. This architecture was a reaction to the Modern Style exemplified by the War Memorial Hall.



6. War Memorial Hall

The War Memorial Hall was built in 1958. This important building is a New Zealand take on international Modern Style, popular in the 1950s.



7. St Andrew's Church and Hall

The foundation stone for the church was laid in January 1908 and the church was opened in 1910. The builder was Arthur Robson Gardiner. The 1932 earthquake severely damaged the church. In 1933 a special service was held to re-dedicate the church after extensive restoration. In 1968 the present St Andrew's Hall was opened.



8. Council Building, Coronation Square and Rose Gardens

The new Council offices opened on 2 October, 1962. These replaced the old County Council Building. Coronation Square was named in honor of King George V, at about the time of his coronation. The band rotunda that previously stood on this site was built in his honor.



Written information explaining the meaning and history of the Council's Pou Pou (wooden carvings), situated in the Council Building Entrance, is available from the front reception desk.

9. Gaiety Theatre

The Gaiety Theatre was Wairoa's first cinema. Originally built in 1928, it collapsed in the 1931 earthquake but was quickly rebuilt. In the late 1960s the cinema closed its doors but was re-opened in the mid 1990s re-instated to its former glory.



10. River Wharf

Until 2007, the most substantial remaining wharf of the many wharves and jetties that lined both sides of the river. It served as a reminder of the time when Wairoa was a river port. Wool, flax fibre, meat and dairy products were the main exports of the area and each company had his own wharf or jetty.



11. *Kopu Pitiera Memorial Stone*

This is situated opposite the library on the riverbank. It is a memorial to a turbulent period in Wairoa's history during the 1860s. Kopu was a major figure in the conflicts of the time.



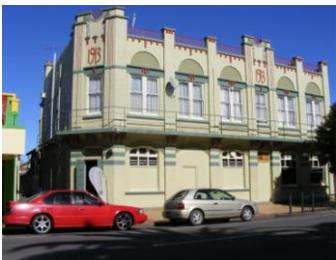
12. *Old Bank Building*

The Union Bank of Australasia was built in the Classic Revival style in 1920.



13. *Clyde Hotel*

The hotel was built in 1913, in Art Noveaux style. This building is little altered and has served continuously as a hotel since opening.



14. *Wairoa Museum*

The Wairoa Museum was originally opened on 18 July, 1911 as the Commercial Bank of Australia. Italianate facades were commonly used by financial institutions in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Both the Union Bank of Australasia and the Commercial Bank of Australia closed during the Second World War. The building began life as a museum in December 2001.



15. *Osler's*

Osler's Bakery was established in 1910. Although it was partly destroyed in the 1931 earthquake, it has continued baking to this day in the Osler's name. In the 1950s and 1960s the bakery catered for weddings and twenty-firsts in grand style in an upstairs function room. Osler's is a regular winner in the New Zealand Bakers' Supreme Awards.



16. *Portland Island Lighthouse*

The old Portland Island Lighthouse is the town's best known landmark. During the early 1870s the volume of coastal shipping increased. By the early 1870s, in response to several shipwrecks in the Northern

Hawke's Bay, New Zealand's Marine Department decided to construct a lighthouse on the southern tip on Portland Island. Land for this purpose was purchased from Komene Te Ito 1875 and on 28 February, 1878 the light began to wink. Thus was born one of the earliest lighthouse stations in New Zealand! The lighthouse was saved from demolition and moved from Portland Island to the present location on Marine Parade. The 'new' lighthouse was opened on 10 June 1961. Alongside the lighthouse is a commemorative plaque remembering those who served in the war, a whaling tri pot and a historic red letter box.



17. *The Wairoa Bridge*

The first bridge was from the Ferry Hotel on Carroll Street over to Lockwood Point. It was built in 1888 and destroyed in the 1932 earthquake. The second bridge was opened in 1933 and was destroyed by Cyclone Bola in 1988. The present bridge was opened by the Queen in February 1990.

