


AUCKLAND CITY STREETSCAPE STUDY RECORD FORM

Preliminary Information



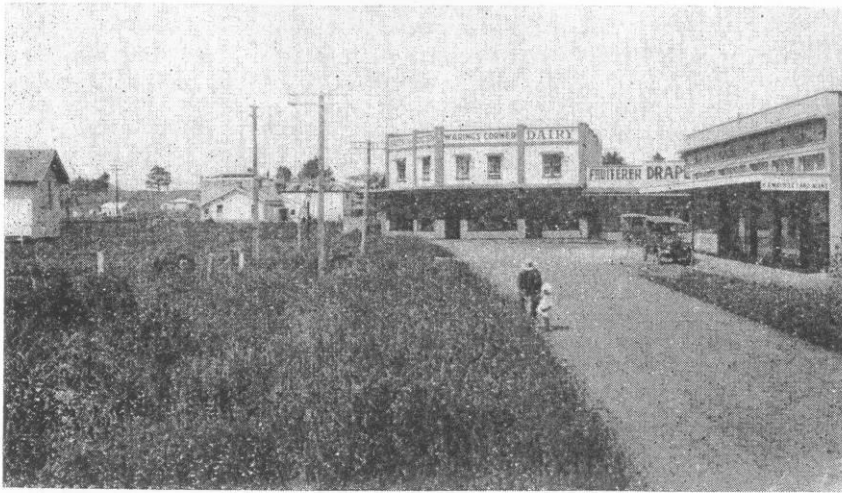
LOCATION / ADDRESS: 532 Sandringham Road, Auckland	ITEM NUMBER	CATEGORY (IF SCHEDULED)
		
NAME (IF ANY) Congregational Christian Church of Samoa		LEGAL DESCRIPTION
BUILDING / STRUCTURAL / OBJECT / SITE USE: <input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> INSTITUTIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURAL		OTHER LISTINGS
HISTORY & KNOWN ASSOCIATIONS Permit drawings for the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa, at 532-534 Sandringham date from 1993. The church was built on the site of the Mayfair Theatre (1926) which was demolished. The Church was designed by architect, Jacques Buitendyk. Prior to the construction of the existing Church building, the Congregational Church of Samoa completed a new \$200,000 church at 8 Calgary Street In 1980. This smaller church building provided space for 350 people, and included a vestry, three offices, toilets and a Sunday School. Contractors for the project were Landseair Construction. ¹ It was removed in 1993 for the construction of the current church. The site is within the Kenilworth Estate which was subdivided for residential sections in 1908. There was initially a church on this site, St Chads Anglican Church, which was moved when the Mayfair Theatre was built in 1926. Drainage of the area east of Sandringham Road appears to have held up development of that side of the shopping centre area. The only building of note on that side up until 1926 was the St Chad's church building (later moved to the Taumata Estate in 1929). ² Soon after Mt Albert Borough Council began their drainage scheme for the district, along with the arrival of the tram service, the first development on the eastern side appeared. This was the Mayfair Theatre (on this site) in 1926 at 536 Sandringham Road, by developers I. H. Hardley & W. H. De Luen. ³ Hardley and De Luen also built the Capitol Cinema in Balmoral (1923) and may have commissioned the same architects for the Mayfair as they had for the Capitol: Hugh Grierson and Kenneth Aimer. Even so, according to Jan Grafstad in his history of Auckland Cinemas, "Sandringham Road was constantly under water and one of the first projectionists ... job was to lay a plank outside the cinema to allow the patrons to have dry feet on entering the foyer." Motor buses began serving the Sandringham area from c.1914, ⁴ possibly as a feeder service for the tram terminus at Kingsland. Tram lines were extended to the Sandringham Shopping Centre in March 1925, after the road bridge over the railway line had been built near New North Road in 1924. The tram service was an important catalyst for the centre which saw an extensive period of development in the late 1920s.		ZONING Business 2 Residential 6a behind
REFERENCE SOURCES		REGISTERED OWNER

¹ *Central Leader*, 24 June 1980, p. 4
² Ivy F Smytheman, *Sandringham Star*, April 1961
³ Jan Grefstad, *Auckland Cinemas Part 2*, 2001, p. 87
⁴ Scott, p. 69

Copy of original permit drawing, ACE Site File at Auckland City records.
Ivy F Smytheman, *Sandringham Star*, April 1961
Jan Grefstad, *Auckland Cinemas Part 2*, 2001, p. 87

PHOTOGRAPHS (HISTORICAL)

SANDRINGHAM — 1923



The corner of Sandringham and Kitchener Roads as it will be remembered by pupils of some 35 years ago. Mr Carrie (ex-chairman of committee) is in the foreground. St. Chad's Church is on the extreme left.

Image from Edendale School Golden Jubilee 1909 -1959, page 36. Auckland City Libraries
St Chads Church at the left is located on the site where the Mayfair Cinema, and later the existing church building have been built.

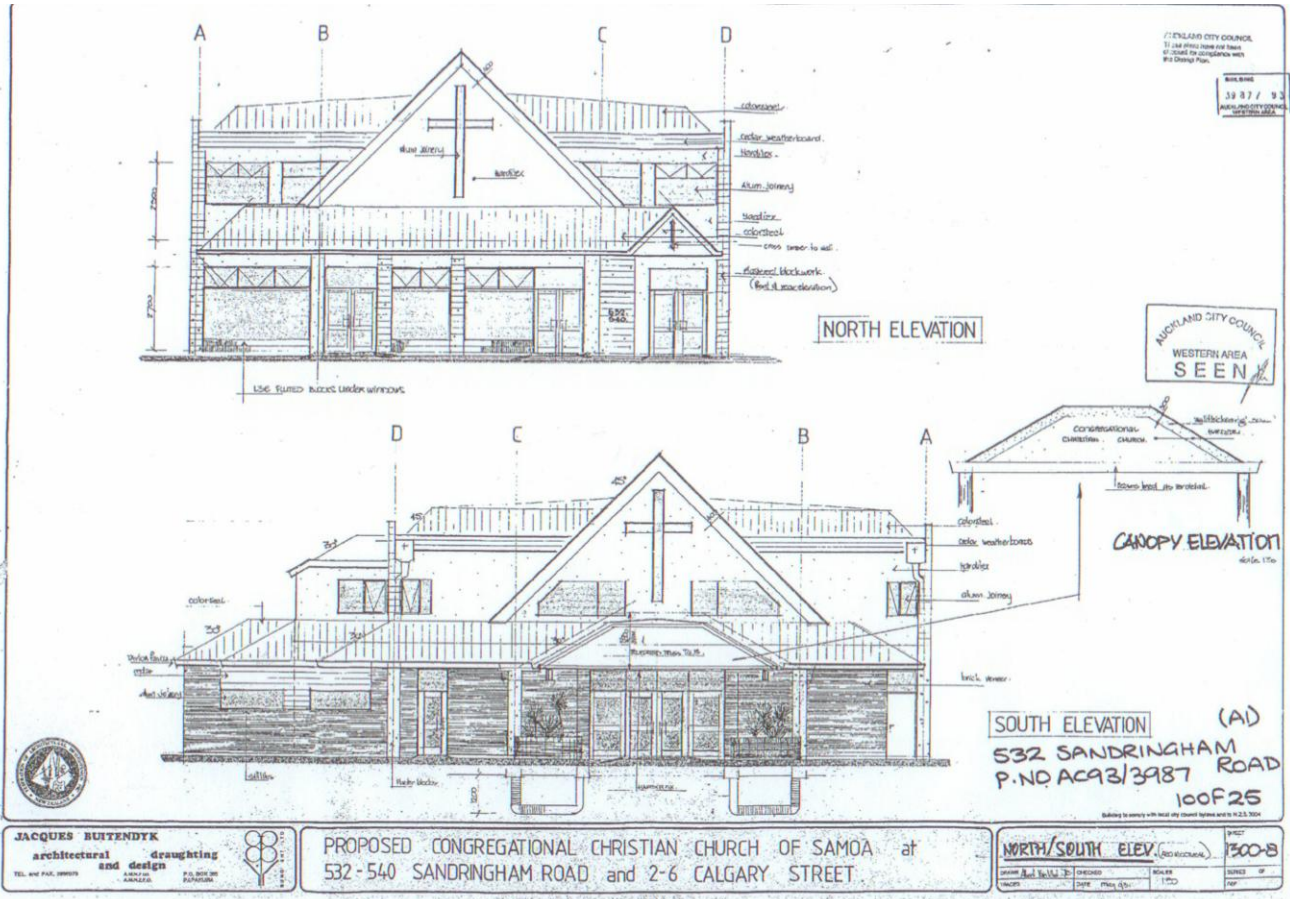


Mayfair Theatre in Sandringham which was built in 1926 and demolished in 1993 for the building of the Church.
Auckland Institute and Museum Library Neg. M102 (a,b,c).



ARCHITECT / DESIGNER
Jacques Buitendyk

<p>The Capitol Theatre in Balmoral (1923). The Mayfair may have been designed by the same architects</p>	
<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE It is a substantial community and spiritual building in central Sandringham. The Congregational Christian Church of Samoa have been located in the Sandringham centre since 1980, when their first church opened.</p>	<p>PERIOD / DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1993</p> <p>MATERIALS Plastered block work and Harditex with Coloursteel roof</p> <p>INTEGRITY/ SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS</p>
<p>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HISTORICAL <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURAL <input type="checkbox"/> TECHNOLOGICAL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AESTHETIC <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPIRITUAL</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRADITIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RARITY VALUE <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP VALUE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER</p>	<p>STREETSCAPE VALUE The building is set within an intact group of 1920s buildings. The building frontage and verandah are set back from the street edge, presumably in line with road widening restrictions, breaking the established pattern. The building is consistent in scale with adjacent two level buildings; however the gabled form and horizontally proportioned windows vary from the more traditional pattern evident in buildings adjacent.</p>
	<p>CONTRIBUTION TO COLLECTIVE CHARACTER/ HERITAGE VALUE</p> <p>DATE OF SURVEY</p> <p>EXTERIOR: Nov 07, May 08</p> <p>INTERIOR:</p>
<p>PREPARED BY: Lisa Truttman and Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd FOR: AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL <i>Note: Street numbers derived from Council GIS system</i></p>	<p>BY: Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd</p> <p>CHECKED:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHED: Nov 07</p>



Copy of elevations for Church 1993 by architect Jaques Buitendyk. ACE Site File Auckland City Council.