


AUCKLAND CITY STREETSCAPE STUDY RECORD FORM

Preliminary Information





LOCATION / ADDRESS: 598 Sandringham Road, Auckland	ITEM NUMBER	CATEGORY (IF SCHEDULED)
		
NAME (IF ANY) NUMBER, STREET, LOCALITY, WARD Public Toilets	LEGAL DESCRIPTION Pt Allot 45A (SO 23453)	
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 In 1925 land was vested by the Crown from the old pound reserve (now Sandringham Shopping Centre Reserve) at that time. ¹ In 1930, the Mt Albert Borough Council built a public toilets block on the reserve ground at 598 Sandringham Road, designed by Borough Engineer W E Begbie, but possibly based on an earlier 1928 design for the Kingsland toilets by D B Patterson. ² A management plan for the Sandringham Shopping Reserve was completed by the Mt Albert City Council in 1981. ³ It was described as "a flat triangular area of land with children's play facilities located near the Lambeth Road frontage and public conveniences sited in the north eastern corner. A pathway linking each end of the Sandringham Road frontage gives access to the public conveniences and encloses a grassed and planted area fronting onto Sandringham Road which accommodates a flagpole and park bench. The remainder of the reserve is grassed and planted in trees and shrubs." <i>Historical Pattern</i> Public facilities have long been associated with public spaces. The provision of men's facilities were generally more readily accepted as part of a local authority's obligations to its male residents. Toilets were provided as stand-alone buildings, or in urban locations, sometimes through arrangement between local authorities with hotels and other businesses. ⁴ But similar facilities for women were not provided as a rule. In Auckland when the first women's public toilets were provided, these were limited to parks and public libraries. This was based on the council assumption that in commercial areas, facilities for women would be provided by businesses, such as those in Smith and Caughey's department store in Auckland from 1911. Women's organisations, such as the Women's Christian Temperance Union placed pressure on councils to provide appropriate conveniences, open during the evenings. A number of public toilet buildings were built in shopping centres in Auckland and other urban centres around a similar time to those in Sandringham.	ZONING Open Space 2	
REFERENCE SOURCES Copy of original permit drawing, on ACE Site file at Auckland City Council records.	REGISTERED OWNER	
PHOTOGRAPHS (HISTORICAL)	ARCHITECT / DESIGNER Mt Albert Borough Engineer, W E Begbie, based on design by Daniel B Patterson for Kingsland.	

¹ NZ Gazette, 1 October 1925 pp. 2680-2681

² Minutes of Joint Committee, MABC, 8 April 1930, MAC 101/3, City Archives

³ MAC 229/2, Auckland City Archives

⁴ Caroline Daley; *Flush With Pride? Article in Women's Studies Journal*, Autumn 2000 page 98-99

														
<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The creation of the reserve in 1925 and erection of public toilets in 1930 reflects a consolidation of the Sandringham Shopping which was established around 1915, and more fully by a succession of retail buildings built in the 1920s. The toilets are similar to those in Kingsland designed for Mt Albert Borough Council by architect Daniel B Patterson. Provision of public toilets and ladies restrooms occurred in a number of New Zealand centres in the 1930s. The formal design of the toilets reflects their status as an important local civic amenity. The stripped Classical design and materials of the toilets are consistent with commercial buildings in the centre which were developed at a similar time the late 1920s.</p>	PERIOD / DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1930	MATERIALS Plastered brick												
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	CONTRIBUTION TO COLLECTIVE CHARACTER HERITAGE VALUE High	DATE OF SURVEY EXTERIOR: Nov 07, May 08 INTERIOR:												
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