

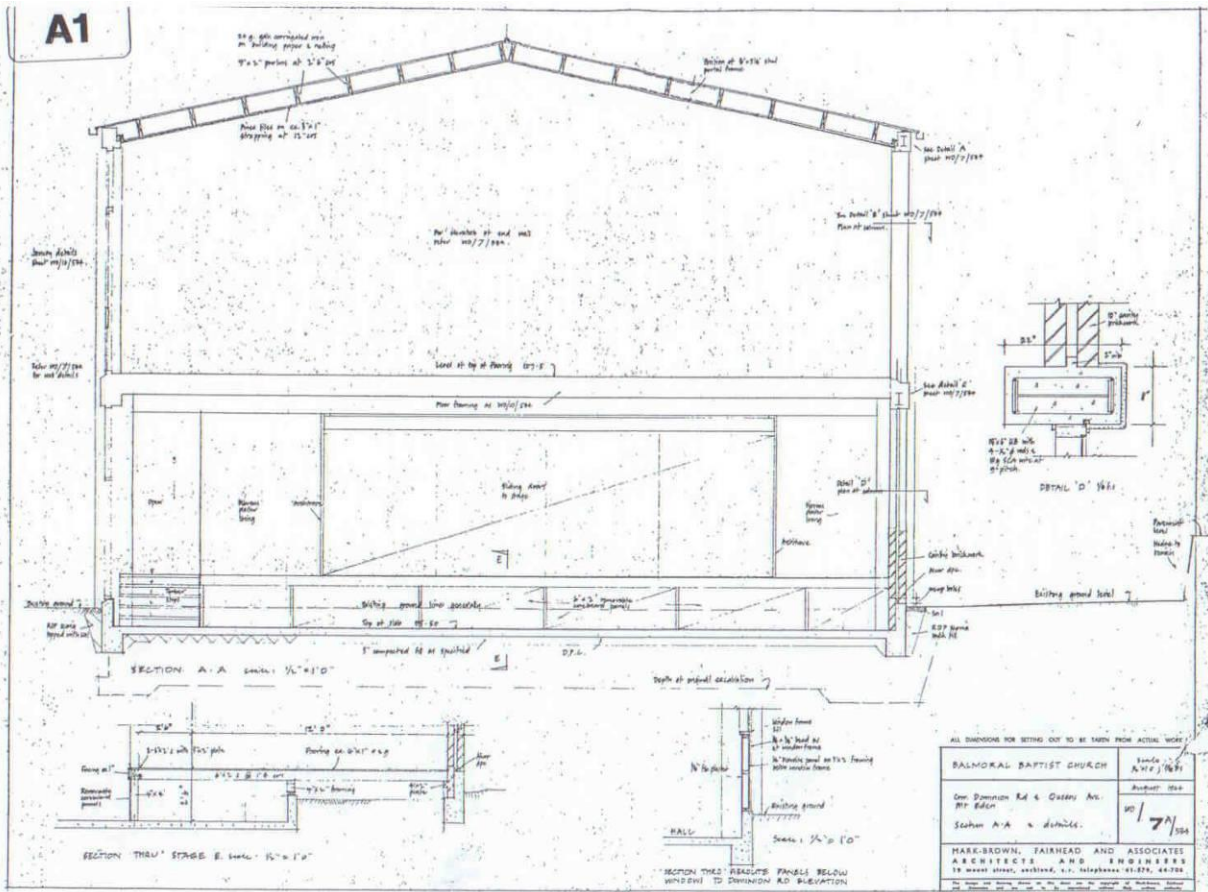
AUCKLAND CITY STREETSCAPE STUDY RECORD FORM

Preliminary Information

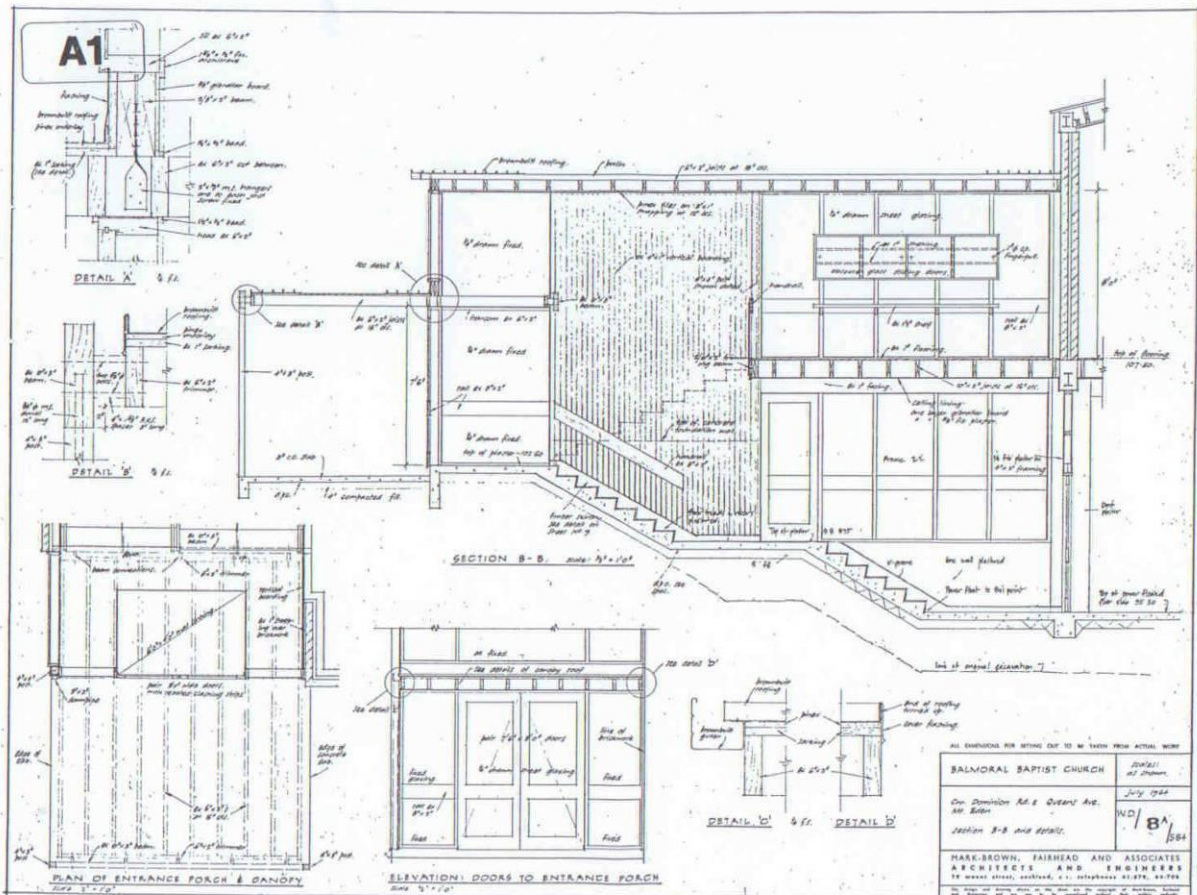


LOCATION / ADDRESS: 682 Dominion Road, Balmoral Shopping centre , Auckland	ITEM NUMBER	CATEGORY (IF SCHEDULED)
		
NAME (IF ANY) NUMBER, STREET, LOCALITY, WARD Balmoral Baptist Church	LEGAL DESCRIPTION 6027039, Pt lot 1 DP 1607	
BUILDING / STRUCTURAL / OBJECT / SITE USE: <input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL <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 <p>The Baptist Church had previously been located at the corner of Grange Road and Dominion Road, in the original St Sepulchres Church which was relocated to the Grange Road site in 1904. The building was constructed in 1865 as St Sepulchres Church in Symonds Street, next to the southern part of the Church of England cemetery, on a site approximately where the current Symonds Street motorway off-ramp is located.¹</p> <p>The building continued to be used as the Grange Road Baptist Church from 1904 until 1963 when it amalgamated with the Shackleton Road Baptist Church, which had opened in 1926. The new church building for this combined congregation, called the Balmoral Baptist Church, was opened on the corner of Dominion Road and Queens Ave in August 1965.</p> <p>The site was jointly purchased by the two congregations. It had an old house on it which was demolished for the construction of the church.</p> <p>The church complex included a church, youth hall, minister's study and prayer chapel. The inclusion of a range of facilities as part of a complete purpose built facility was noted as different from the usual approach by the Baptist church. Typically a church hall would initially form the nucleus and other facilities would follow in stages. The new church could seat 200-250 people and was designed to be extended if necessary.</p> <p>The Balmoral Baptist church incorporates the historic pipe organ that was originally in St Sepulchres, which is described as one of the oldest in New Zealand.²</p> <p>The Church was formally opened by Mr John McRae MP, and the opening was followed by the arrival in September 1965 of 100 American Baptist preachers conducting an evangelical crusade.</p> <p>Architects: The Balmoral Baptist Church was designed by architects Mark- Brown Fairhead and Associates in July 1964. Their practice were responsible for a number of sophisticated modernist houses influenced by the work of architects such as Richard Neutra and Craig Ellwood who were designing pavilion – style houses in California. Where the Group Architects in Auckland responded to Vernon Brown' call for the development of a timber vernacular architecture, Mark Brown and Peter Fairhead utilised a range of imported ceramic tiles, marble, granite, glass and mirrors into houses designed for wealthy clients.</p>	ZONING Business 2	
REFERENCE SOURCES Original drawings on microfilm records at Auckland City Council The Selwyn Churches of Auckland, C R Knight, AH &AW Reed 1972,page 60 Auckland Star 24.8.1965 Conservation plan for the Auckland Girl Guides Hall (formerly St Sepulchres/ Grange Road Baptist Church) by Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd.	REGISTERED OWNER	
PHOTOGRAPHS (HISTORICAL)	ARCHITECT / DESIGNER	

	Mark- Brown Fairhead and Associates
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The Balmoral Baptist Church was built following the amalgamation of the Grange Road and Shackelton Road Baptist church communities in 1964, which had been serving the Mt Eden area since 1904 and 1926 respectively. The site was purchased collectively and the new Balmoral Baptist Church built in 1965. The church contains the historic organ which came from the Grange Road church which was originally St Sepulcher's located in the Synmonds Street cemetary, built in 1865. It is thought to be one of the oldest organs in New Zealand. It provides evidence of the work of the architectural practice Mark- Brown Fairhead and Associates.	PERIOD / DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1964/65
	MATERIALS Steel portal frame, concrete and brick.
	INTEGRITY/ SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS The Church appears to be in original condition.
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HISTORICAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURAL <input type="checkbox"/> TECHNOLOGICAL <input type="checkbox"/> AESTHETIC <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPIRITUAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRADITIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL <input type="checkbox"/> RARITY VALUE <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP VALUE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	STREETSCAPE VALUE The Church demonstrates the range of functions served by the Balmoral Shopping centre.
	CONTRIBUTION TO COLLECTIVE CHARACTER HERITAGE VALUE Medium
	DATE OF SURVEY September 2006 EXTERIOR: INTERIOR:
PREPARED BY: Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd FOR: AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL (Read in conjunction with Character Heritage Study)	BY: Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd CHECKED: PHOTOGRAPHED:



Copies of original drawings, Auckland City Council records



Departure from the pattern



The official opening of the Balmoral Baptist Church at the corner of Dominion Road and Queens Avenue next Saturday will represent a departure from the general pattern of Baptist activities in New Zealand.

"In earlier decades the idea was to start with services in a hall as the nucleus of a church in city or suburb," the minister, the Rev. D. Creighton, explained to me.

"By contrast, the new church will be complete from the start — church, youth hall, minister's study and prayer chapel. In the church itself there will be seating for between 200 and 250 people, but the building is so designed that one interior wall can be taken down and seating extended if there is need for further future accommodation."

The Balmoral church is the result of the amalgamation in 1963 of the Grange Road and Shackleton Road Baptist churches, the former opened in 1904 and the latter in 1926.

The Grange Road church has particularly interesting links with early Auckland history in that the building was the original Anglican Church of the Holy Sepulchre opened by Bishop Selwyn in 1845 to serve the Upper Symonds Street - Elmer Pass Road-Mt Eden locality.

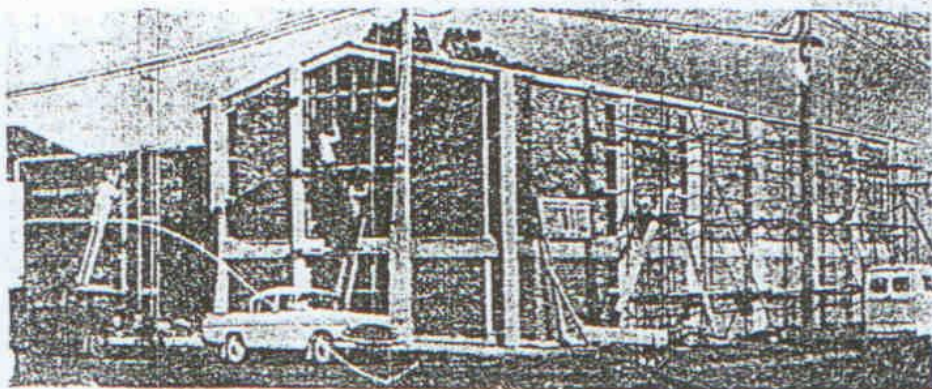
In 1903 the Baptist Union bought land at the corner of Grange and Dominion roads, and in the following year the old St Sepulchre's was bought by Mr J. C. Spedding and presented to the Baptists for removal to the new site.

Historic organ

Another link was the purchase in 1924 of the pipe organ formerly in St Sepulchre's. This historic organ has been remodelled for incorporation in the new church.

When first opened in 1904 the Grange Road Church was known as the Mt Roskill Baptist Church, but this name was changed to Grange Road Baptist in 1907.

Like Grange Road, the Shackleton Road Baptist Church at Mt Eden began with Sunday School in local public school rooms. That was in 1925. In 1926 church services were begun in the Foresters' Hall, Carnmen Avenue, and in the same year nearly 50 worshippers agreed to form a church. The first minister, the Rev. J. Russell Crane was inducted in February, 1927.



The new Balmoral Baptist Church, on the corner of Dominion Road and Queens Avenue, will have its official opening next Saturday.

The Balmoral Church, merging those of Grange and Shackleton Roads, will be formally opened by Mr John Rae, M.P., at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

"This happy event will be followed next month by the visit to Auckland of 106 American Baptist preachers for the conducting of an evangelical crusade," added Mr Creighton.—FRANK SIMPSON.

"Elder Statesman" In Drainage

The Hon. T. Bloodworth has ended a 46-year-old direct link with drainage administration in Auckland.

The 65-year-old former commissioner, he would still retain some link with the drainage division.

Mr A. O. Glasse, deputy Mayor of Auckland, also indicated that it would be his last meeting on the committee. Later he confirmed that he would not stand for the authority. He said he had sufficient City Council work to do, particularly with the town planning committee, of which he is chairman.

Under a revised system this committee merges the previous drainage and general functions committees.

Mr Bloodworth will not stand at the October elections for the authority, although he will again be an Auckland City Council candidate.

He was leaving with bitter regret, he said, when the committee adopted a resolution thanking him for his service.

He was particularly sorry to be leaving the Regional Authority because he had argued since 1921 for a metropolitan board of works.

"But time is marching on and it is time I looked after my own affairs," he said.

However, as a sinking fund



Mr Bloodworth

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i The Selwyn Churches of Auckland, C R Knight, AH &AW Reed 1972,page 60
 ii Auckland Star 24.8.1965