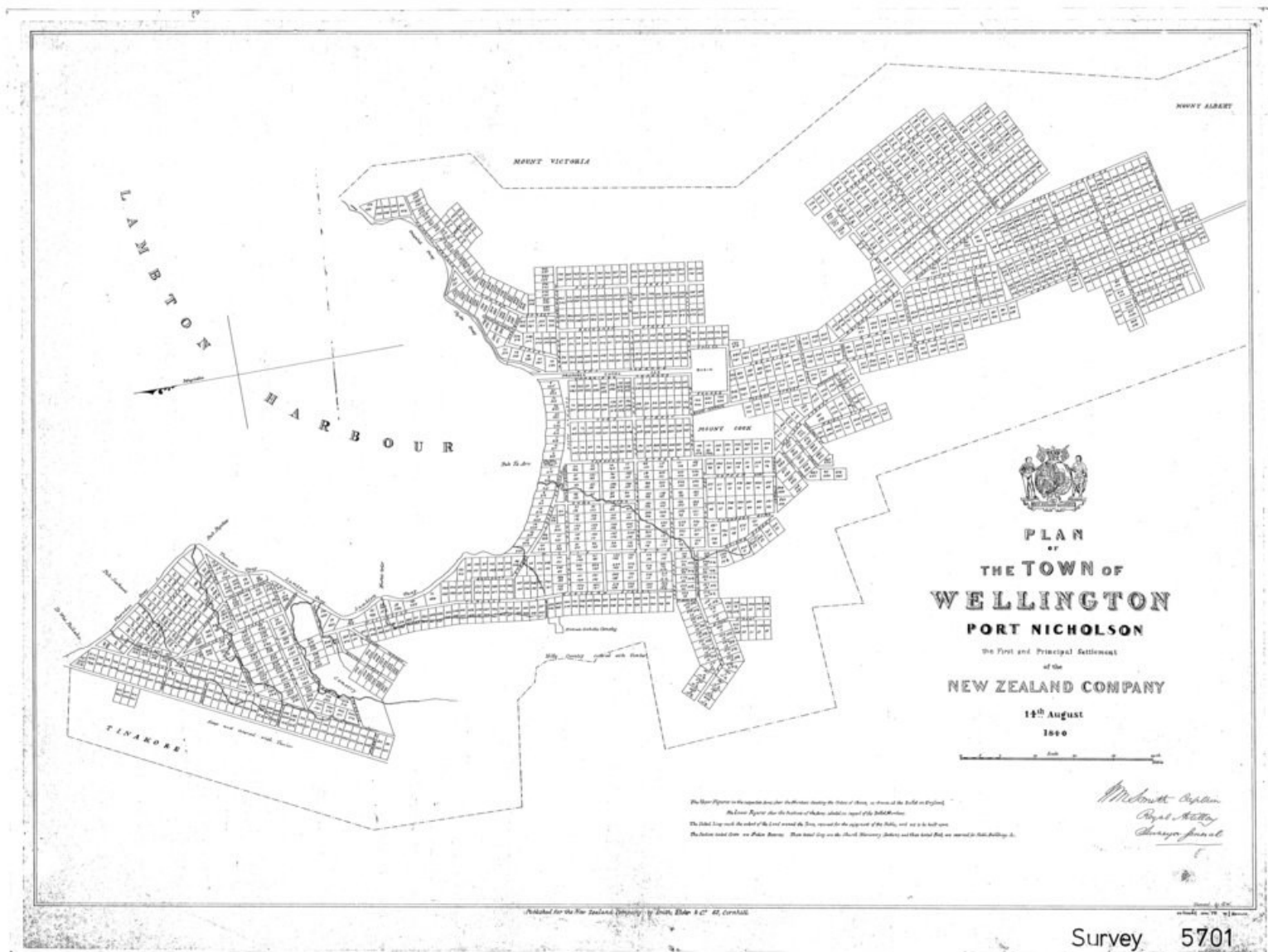


Plan of Wellington, 1840.

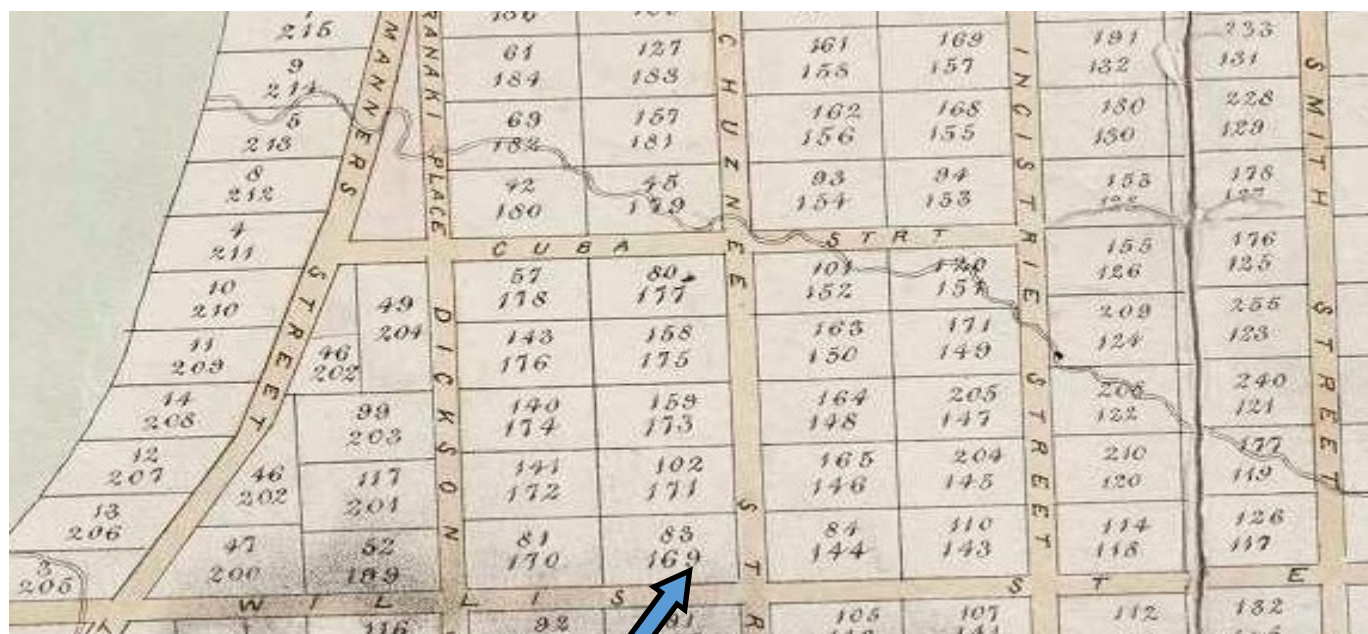
The first and principal settlement of the New Zealand Company

1100 town acres



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Wellington's 1840 street map for part of Te Aro



St Peter's church land, bought by Bishop Selwyn, first church built 1847, photo below



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Willis Street, 1861, St Peter's at right



Willis Street, early 1880s, after the building of St Peter's, designed by Thomas Turnbull, and opened on Christmas Day, 1879



Wellington, 1858, after the 1855 earthquake lifted the Te Aro beach and drained the Basin Reserve



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Te Aro Pa, beach and Mt Victoria, 1860

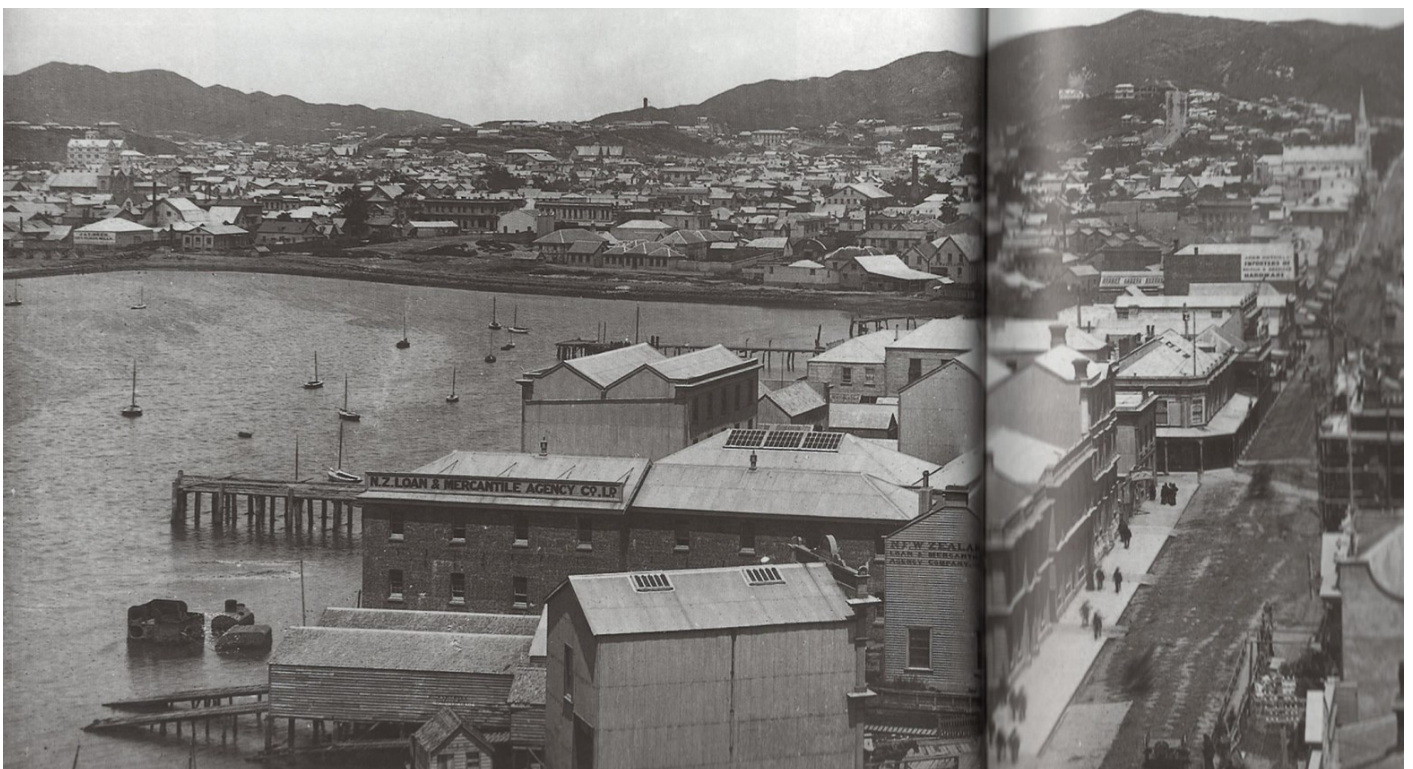


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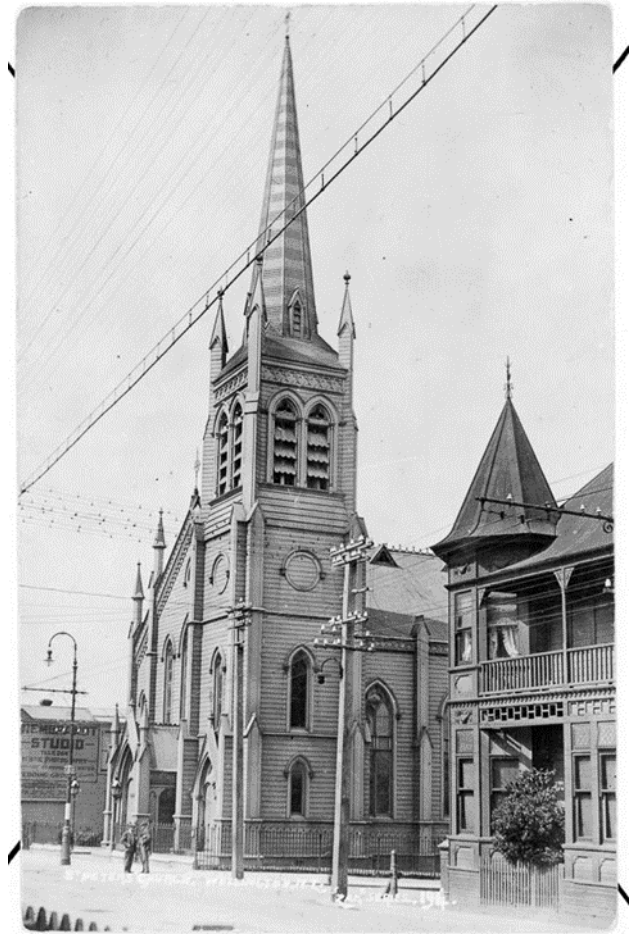
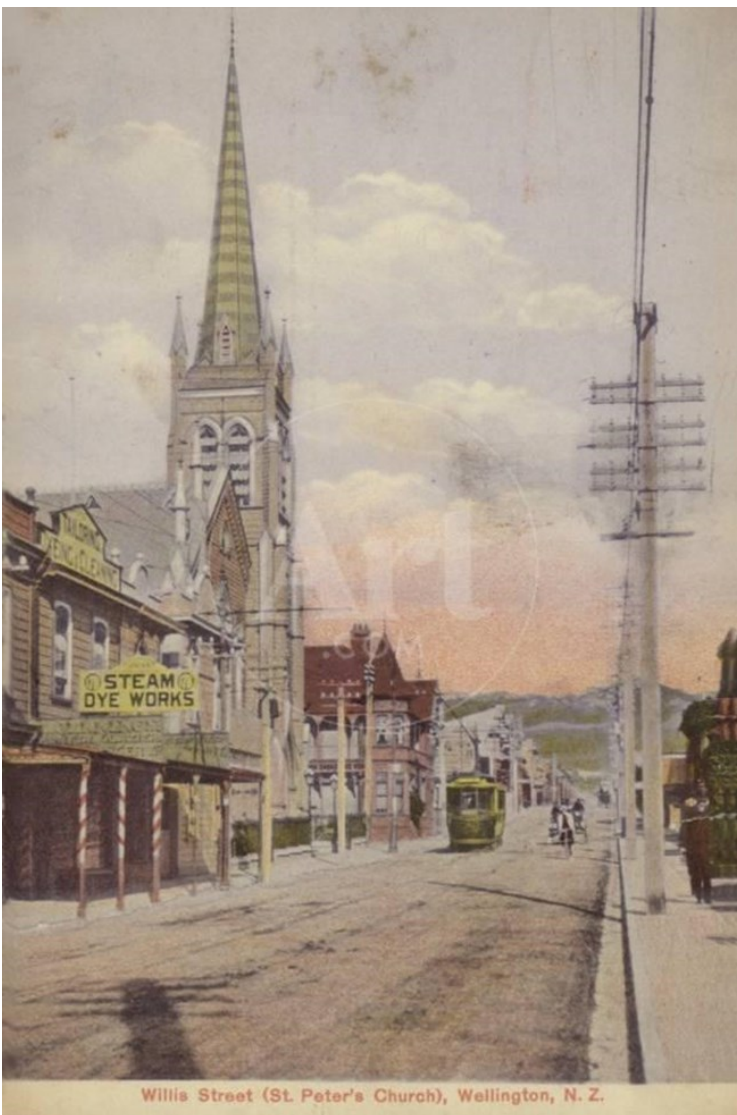
Bond Street wharves 1868. Manners / Willis Street intersection is at ★



1880s Willis Street, Photo by Alfred Burton



Pre First World War, the era of the founding of Wellington City Mission, 1904

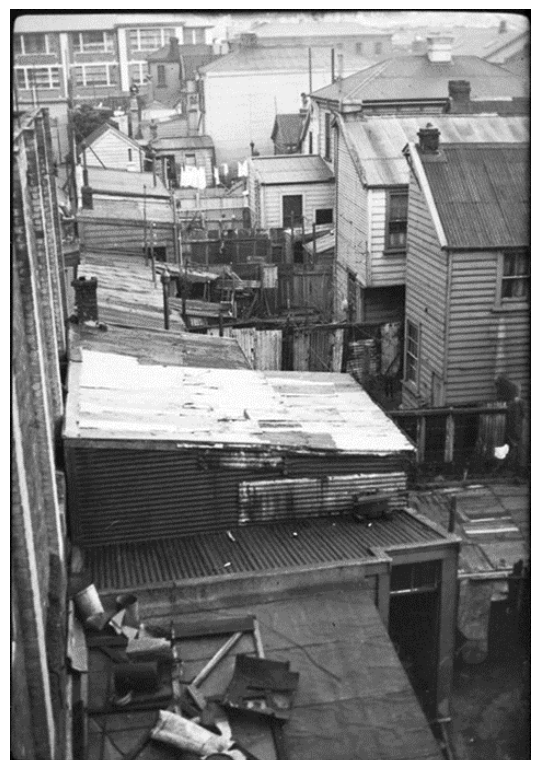


November 1913: A haven for waterfront strikers pursued by mounted specials.

A densely populated residential area (slum?) in 1941. Photo for the Ministry of Works.

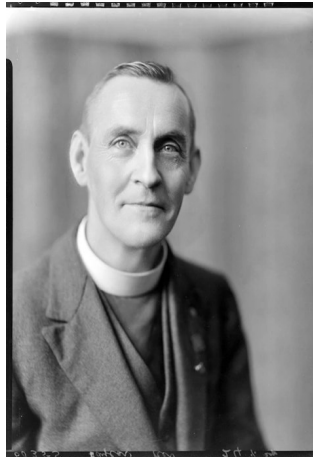


Slum houses in Martin Square, off Taranaki Street, Ministry of Works 1939

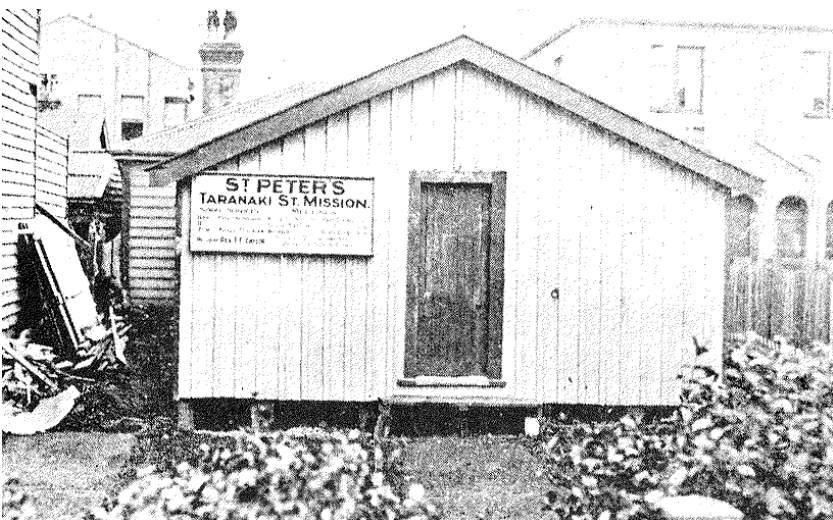


Founding of Wellington City Mission, 1904. L to R:

George Davys, Vicar, 1903-10; William Walton, Missioner, 1904-11; Thomas Fielden Taylor, 1919-37

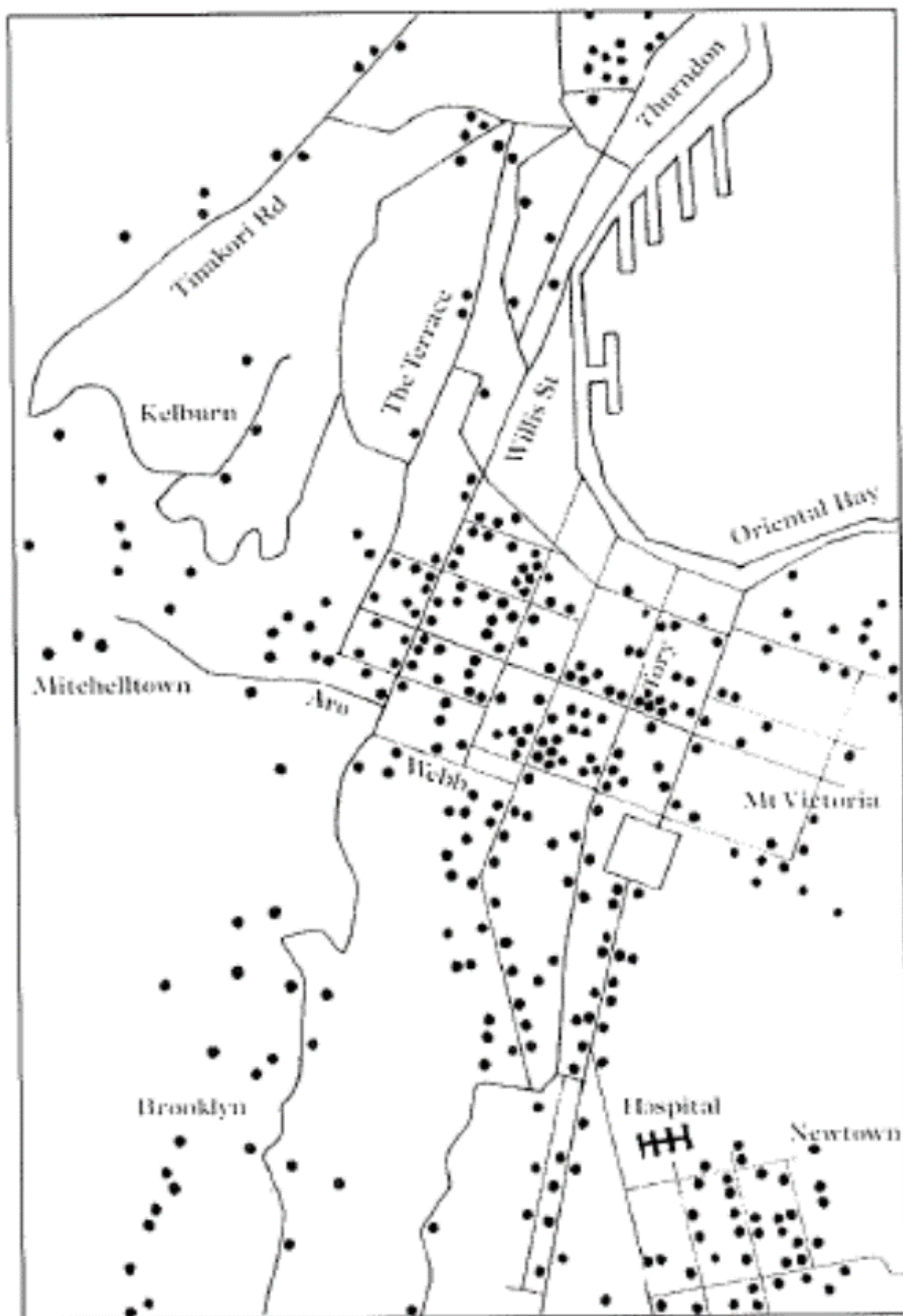


Meal for pensioners with Rev Fielden Taylor, head of table, 1923



Stop Out club, 1929, to keep boys off the streets and provide 'healthy interests and influences.'

Residences of influenza victims,
1918. From 'Black Flu' by G Rice



Designs for the city, 1948

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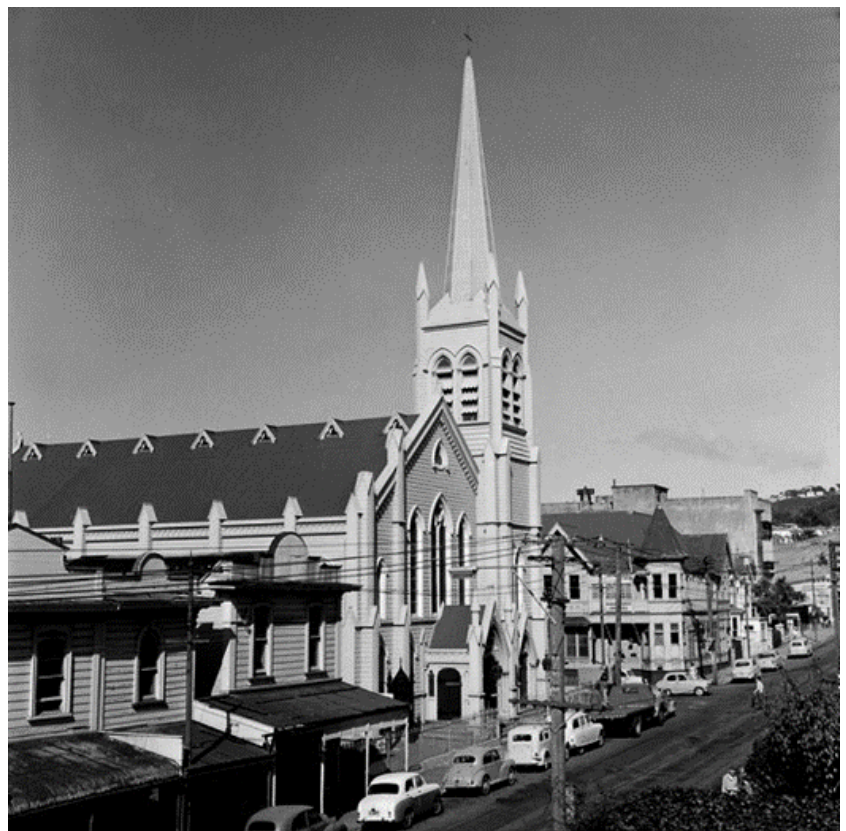
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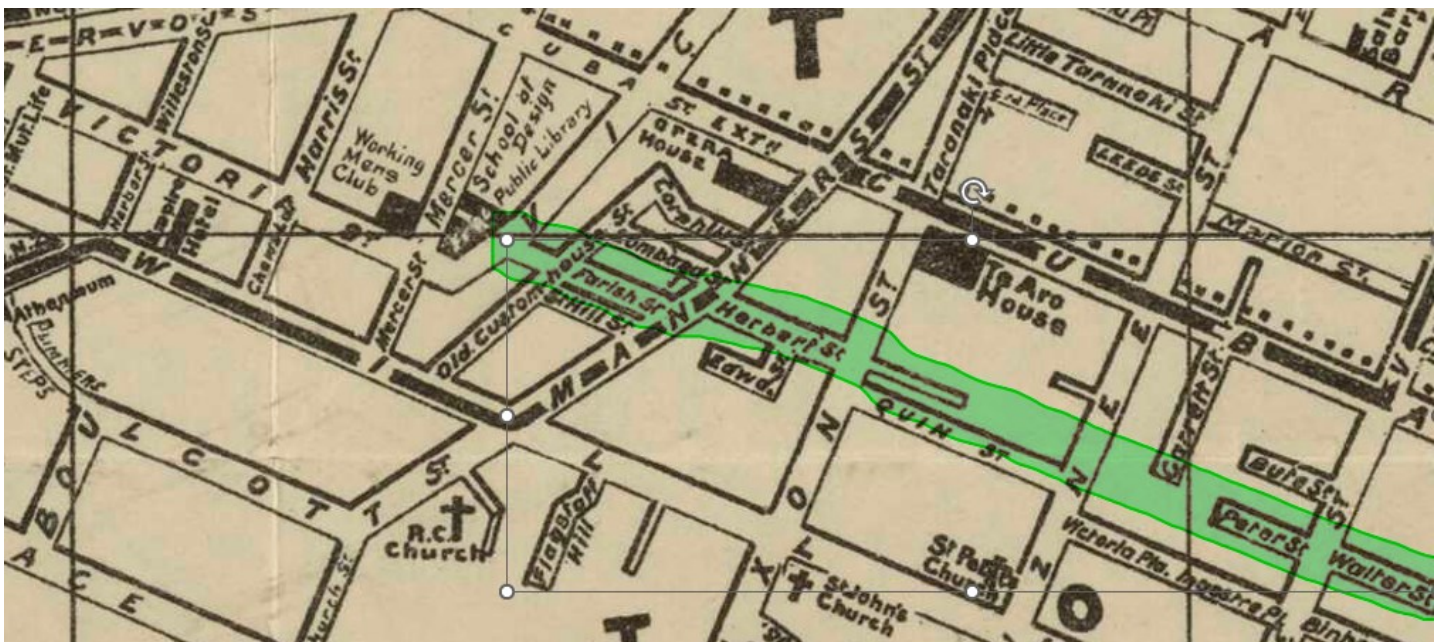
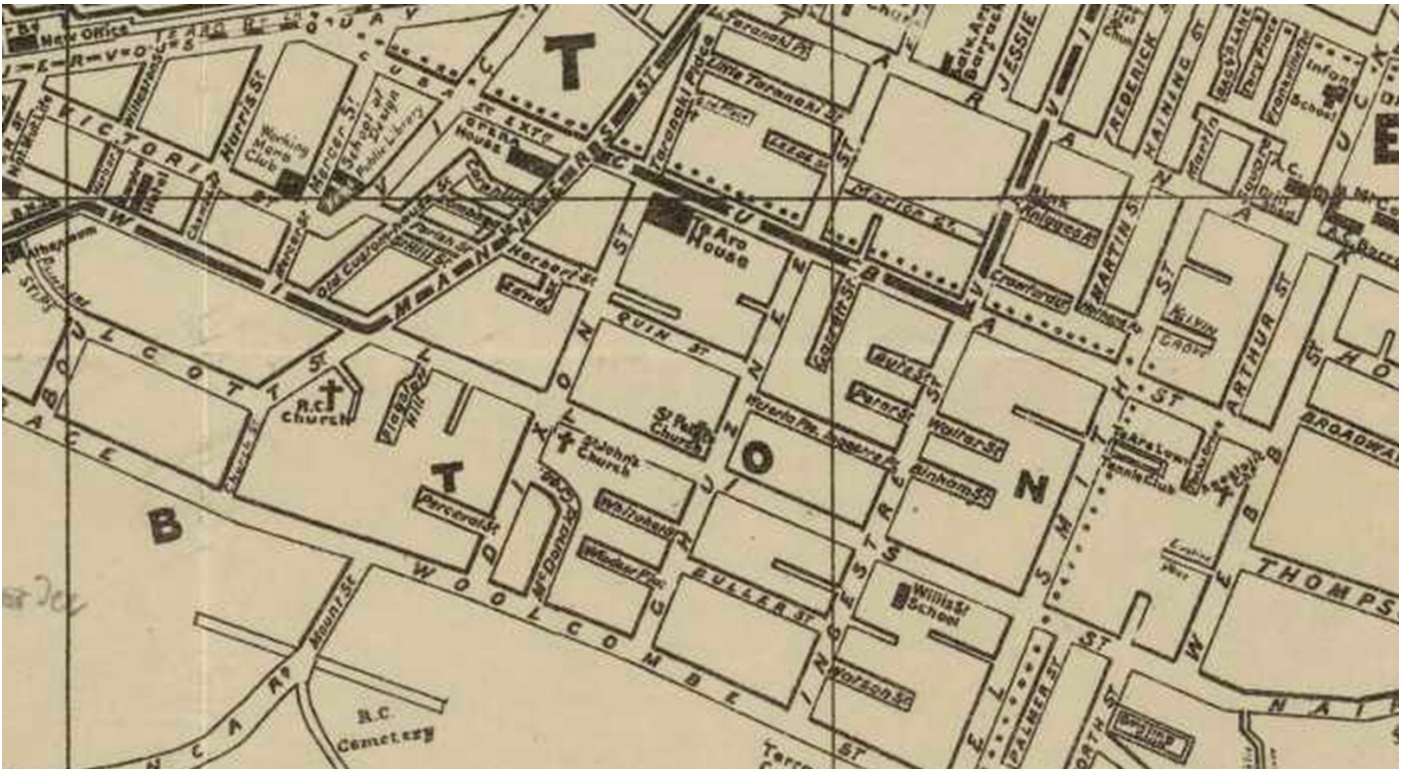


1967: Last years of
wooden buildings
in Willis Street.

Founding of DCM
(Downtown Com-
munity Ministry)
1969



From narrow lanes in 1894 to the motorway linked construction of Victoria Street, in green, below.



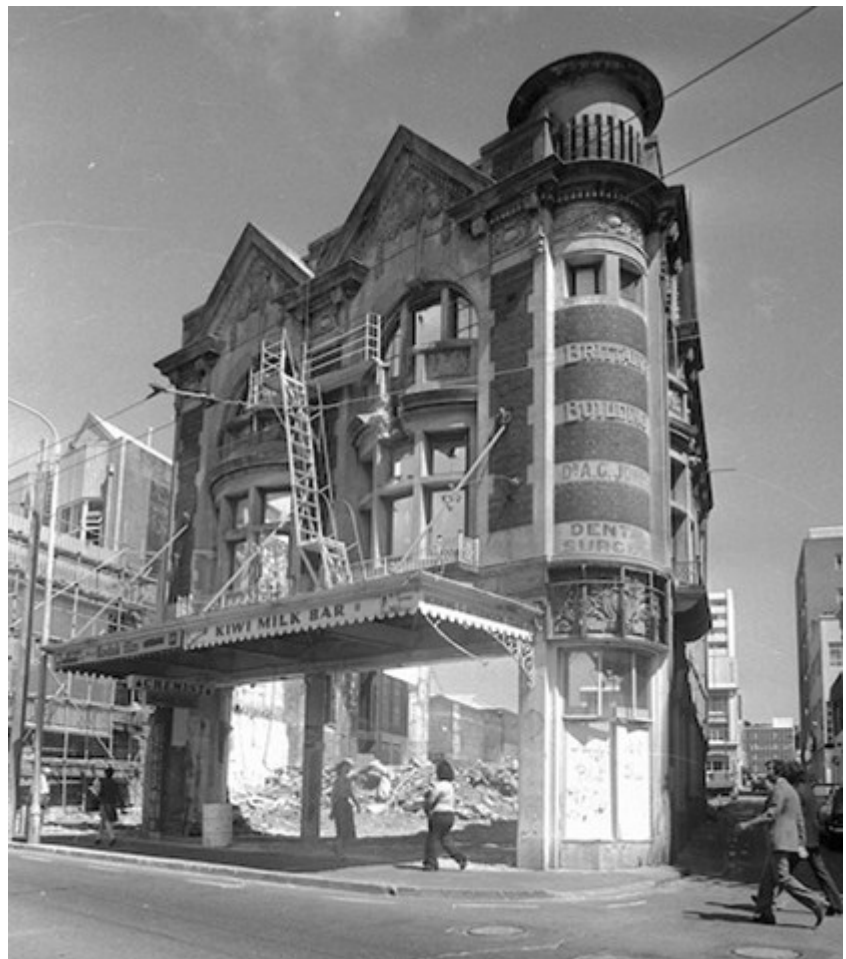
Creating Victoria Street.

Part of Farish Street, 1928, with buildings on the left later demolished

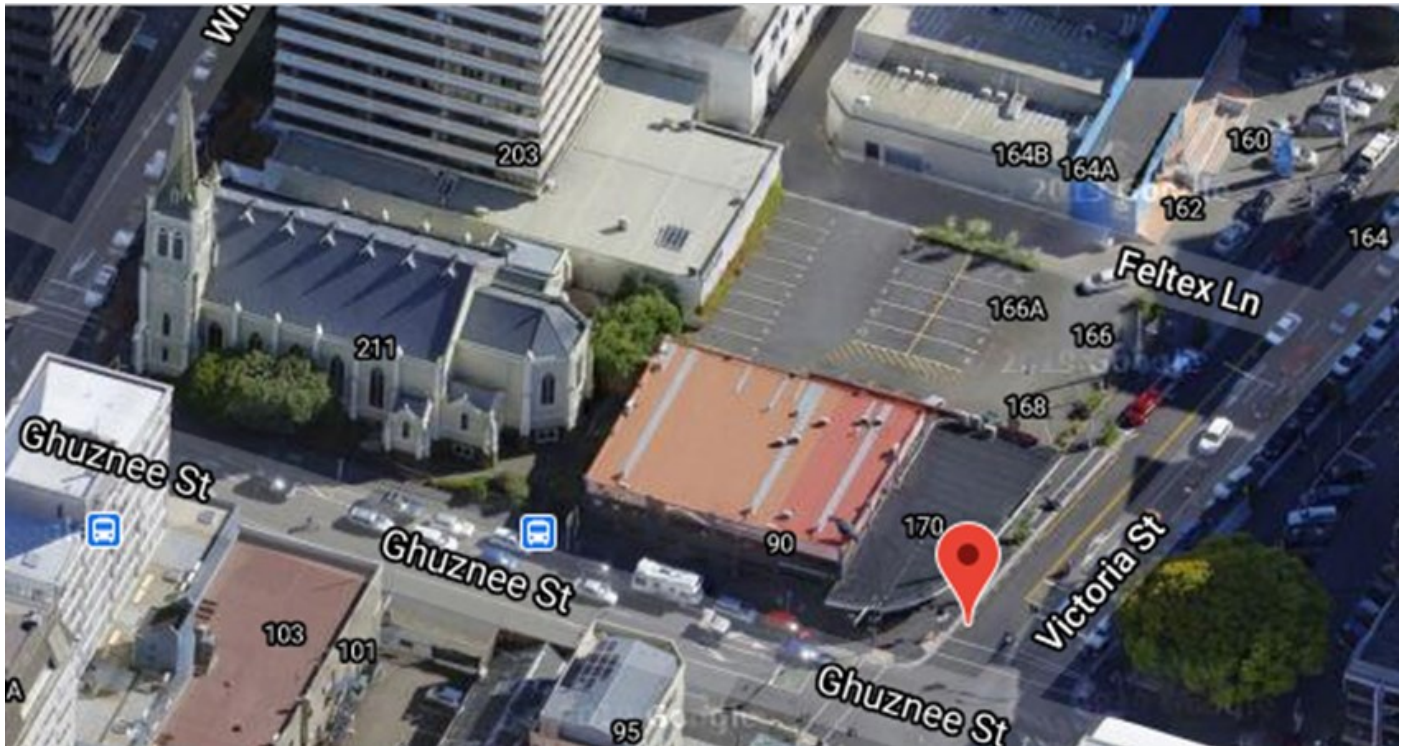


Brittain's Building, Manners Street, being demolished 1976

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**The church at the end of the motorway,
1979—2007, surrounded by car parks**

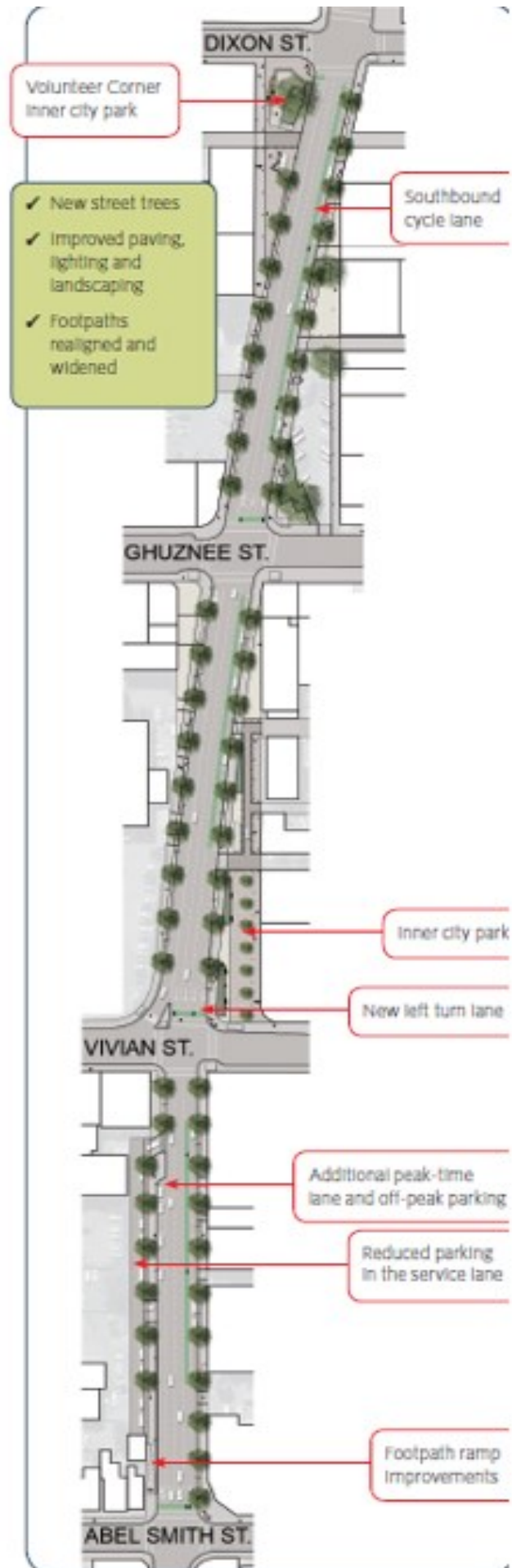


**Design for park and apartments by Architec-
ture Plus and Stratum Ltd, 2015**



Aims of Victoria Street project 2014.

- * Provide a premier street
- * Create a vibrant inner city neighbourhood that encourages commercial and residential development
- * Improve efficiency for cars, buses, cyclists, pedestrians
- * Enhance the pedestrian experience, with inner city parks and wider footpaths.



At the centre of a vertical residential community.

Photo at the bottom is from the Covid lockdown

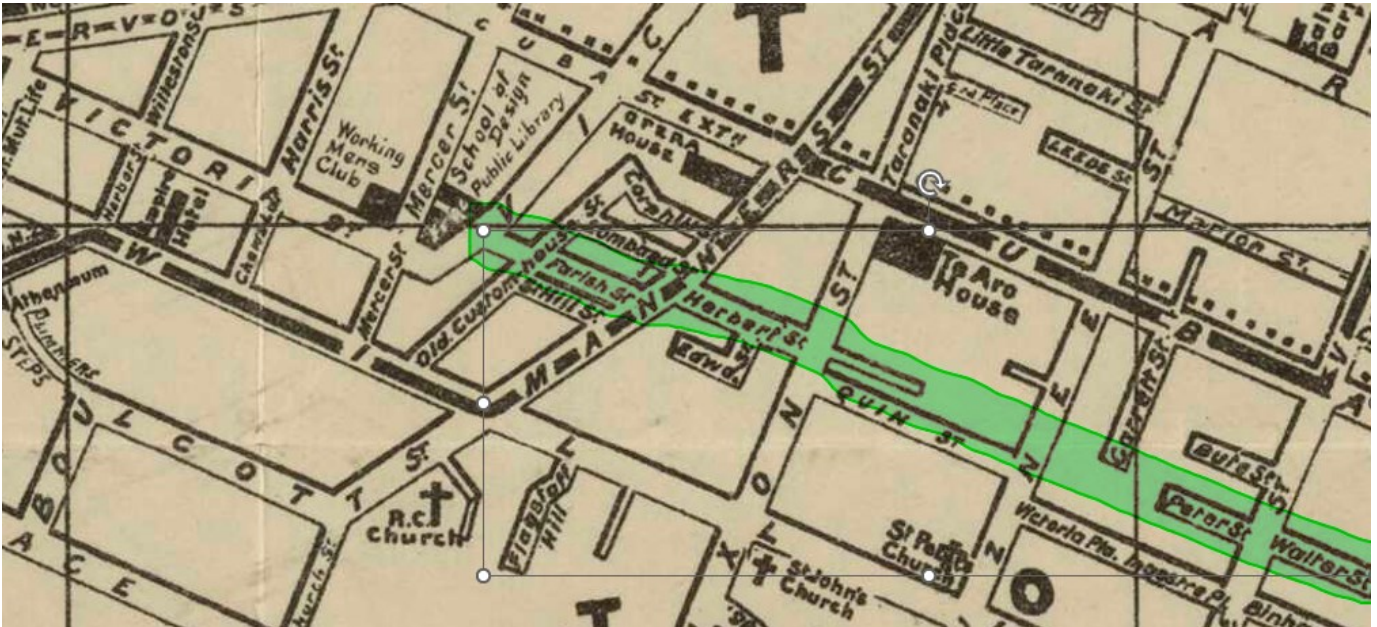


St Peter's Church, photos from 2021



A model of St Peter's neighbourhood, 1904.

In the early 1900s, Te Aro had about 15,000 residents, mostly in narrow wooden houses in small lanes subdivided from one acre sections sold in 1840. Many houses were demolished from the 1950s onwards to create Victoria Street, shown in green.



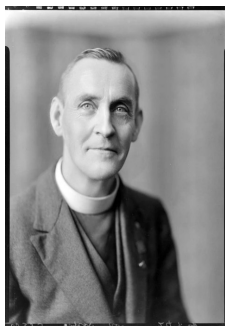
A 1903 survey by Wellington City Council concluded:

"... a large proportion of the houses visited are unfit for habitation under conditions of cleanliness, decency and health; that the rents charged are in excess of what the tenants are in a position to pay... bad conditions in many narrow lanes and the over-crowding of several dwellings make for the maintenance and increase of slum conditions."

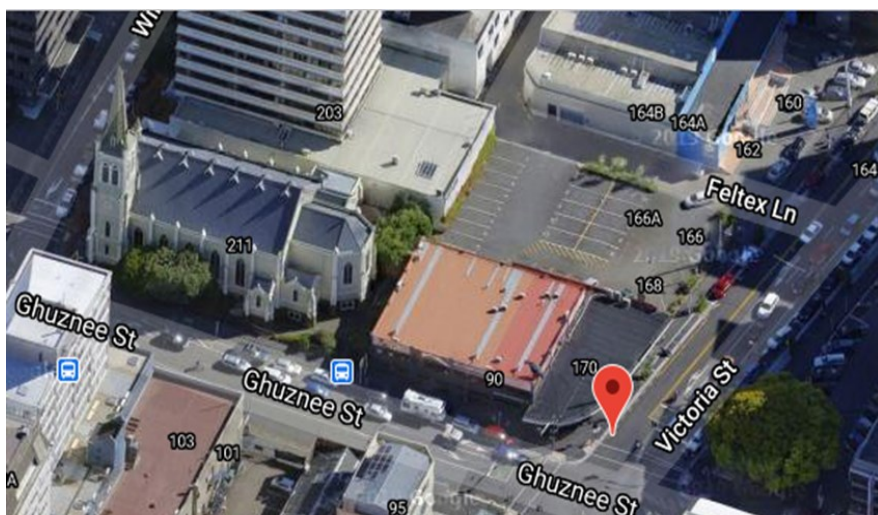


St Peter's at top right, marked with the star. From a 1941 survey by the Ministry of Works of city 'slums'.

Founding of St Peter's Mission to Te Aro, 1904



L to R: Founder and major funder: George Davys, Vicar, 1903-10; William Walton, Missioner, 1904-11; Thomas Fielden Taylor, 1919-37. In 1929 the Wellington City Mission was created by an act of Parliament.



1979—2007. The Church at the end of the motorway.



2013-19. Construction by Stratum Ltd of the VSP apartments and church owned park. Te Aro has 15,000 residents in 2022, as many as Karori, and similar to 1901.

Model created by Emma Rea, Masters of Architecture, Victoria University, in 2019-20. Project supervision by Michael Dudding for the Faculty of Architecture & Design and Richard Norman for St Peter's.