

Objects and Aims of the Avondale – Waterview Historical Society

- (a) To encourage and promote the study of and interest in history generally and of and relating to the Districts of Avondale and Waterview and the surrounding districts in particular, and including the history of tangata whenua.
- (b) To collect and take steps to ensure the protection and preservation of records pictures books pamphlets buildings and all objects of historic interest.
- (c) To take steps to ensure the preservation of sites and places of historic interest.
- (d) To record in permanent form articles proceedings discoveries and results of historical research and to publish a journal.
- (e) To co-operate and work with or join any other Society or Societies having objects similar to the above.

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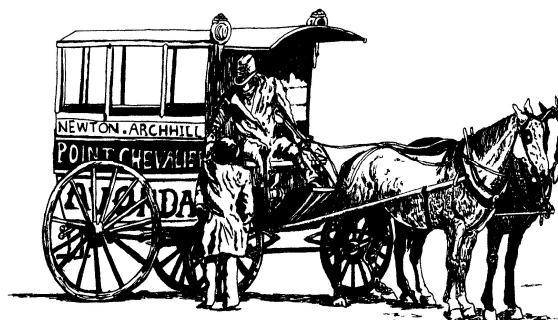
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Membership Fees:

Individual	\$20.00 per annum
Family	\$25.00 per annum



AVONDALE- WATERVIEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Page Building, Avondale, c. 1910

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Avondale and Waterview: A Rich and Lively History

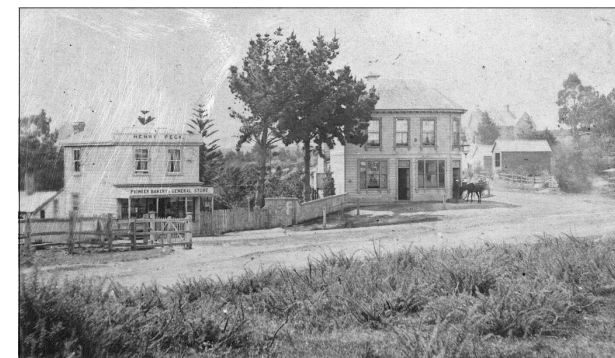
From the first settlement in 1843-1845, Avondale and Waterview have enjoyed a rich and often lively common history. Initially a rural area, isolated from Auckland City by poor roads, the main transport route up until the mid 1860s was the Whau River. Once the Great North Road was formed and upgraded, settlement picked up pace in our community.

The first brickyard in West Auckland was started c.1860 by Dr. Daniel Pollen on the Rosebank Peninsula. Avondale and Waterview was the location for tanneries, varnish works, and brick and pottery makers through to the first half of the 20th century.

The well-renowned market gardens in the district were only relatively recently replaced by the extensive industrial areas on the Rosebank Peninsula.

Avondale has the third-oldest church building in West Auckland (St Ninians Church Hall, built in 1860), and houses and villas dating back to the 19th century. Much of the present-day Avondale Shopping Centre features

buildings dating from the first half of the 20th century, in a wide-variety of architectural styles. The Hollywood Cinema was once the Avondale Town Hall, completed in 1924.



Henry Peck's Store and the Avondale Hotel, c. 1882

The Avondale – Waterview Historical Society

The Avondale-Waterview Historical Society began at the first public meeting at the Avondale Community Centre on Saturday March 30 2002, when a group of people keenly interested in the appreciation and preservation of the history of the Avondale and Waterview districts gathered together. We were incorporated in June 2002.

We publish the *Avondale Historical*

Journal every two months, and other publications from time to time. Our Society meets once every three months, and we also organise and host general gatherings where all are invited to come and share their knowledge and memories of our district.

New members are always welcome.