

King Edward VII Memorial Fountain



Circa 1910



2007

Location: The Square, Palmerston North

The Coronation Memorial Fountain was built to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII as well as the incorporation of the Borough of Palmerston North in 1902. It was originally sited near the middle of The Square in front of where the War Memorial now stands. After the construction of the Cenotaph in 1926 the Fountain was painstakingly dismantled and moved to the middle of the Beautifying Society pond in the SW corner of The Square in front of the C M Ross building. It remained there until 2005 when it was relocated by crane to the NW corner of The Square near the Ladies Rest. Here it was restored, stripped of years of accumulated paint and the water turned back on again.

The fountain was designed by a Napier architect C A Vautier and built by local masons S Dowdall and Co. It also features a 1930 plaque for the proclamation of Palmerston North as a city. The Fountain is constructed of Oamaru stone and 'blue stone' and is listed by the Historic Places Trust as a Category II Historic Place.

For more information about the Fountain see the following:

New Zealand and Pacific Islands Zone – 2nd Floor:

Books: Local Collection

Bradfield, A. G. S. (1956). *Forgotten days* (pp. 68, 70-72).
Palmerston North, New Zealand: Author.

Photographs: Palmerston North City Library Photo Collection

Monuments: Mo 8, Mo 13, Mo 14
Square: Sq 31, Sq 42, Sq 136, Sq 243, Sq 369, Sq 380
Digital Photos – 2005, 2007

Newspaper Articles: Newspaper Index

Manawatu Standard computer index keywords: '*coronation fountain*' and card index: '*coronation memorial fountain*'

Ian Matheson City Archives – Ground Floor:

PNCC: 4/8/2 M232/37 Fountain Plan
PNCC: 1/1/1 Minute Books 1902-3, 1926
Research File: A175/72/3 Coronation Fountain
Research File: A175/19 CBD Heritage Inventory 1993

Other references and resources on the King Edward Memorial Fountain may be found in the New Zealand and Pacific and Archives zones of the library. The Archives holds a detailed reference list under the Research File A175/72/3.