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## Aokautere School Memorial Gate



Memorial Gate circa 1950s (Z5054)



Memorial Gate - 2008

**Location: Aokautere School, Fitzherbert East Rd, Palmerston Nth**

The Aokautere School Gates are a memorial to the men from the district who died in World War One. Of those who served 10 were killed including 5 who were ex-pupils of the School. The Memorial was unveiled on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1921 by Mr J A Nash MP in front of a crowd of about 80 people.

The Memorial consists of two substantial concrete pillars with an iron gate between them. On the left hand pillar a marble tablet bears the names of 9 of the men who served with the words "In Memoriam 1914-1918". The gate and pillars were erected by A Chesterman and R Webby with funds subscribed from the district. In 1960 the gate and pillars were excavated and realigned during a school working bee. 1988 saw the Memorial given complimentary repair and cleaning work thanks to Andersons Memorials. Note the school was named Fitzherbert East when the memorial was built and is now (2008) called Aokautere School.

For more information about the Memorial Gate see the following:

### New Zealand and Pacific Zone – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:

#### Books Local Collection:

Editorial Committee. (1989). *Fitzherbert East Aokautere: School and district 1889-1989*. Palmerston North, New Zealand: Fitzherbert East Aokautere School Centennial Committee.

#### Photographs: Palmerston North City Library Photo Collection

Photos: Z5047, Z5054

#### Newspaper Articles: Newspaper Index

Manawatu Standard card and computer index keywords: *Fitzherbert East School Gate* or *Aokautere memorial gate*

### Ian Matheson City Archives – Ground Floor:

Research File: A175/445/3 Aokautere School Memorial Gate

Other references and resources on the Memorial Gate may be found in the New Zealand and Pacific and Archives Zones of the Library.

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