

Upper Hutt Maidstone Park - Heritage Buildings

Building occupied by the Upper Hutt Small-bore Rifle Club in 2020



(Reference Google maps website Maidstone Park Upper Hutt)

A plaque situated next to the building at Maidstone Park reads:

"Centennial Memorial
1840-1940".

Maidstone Park 1908 privately owned by P Davis

Evening Post newspaper 06 November 1908

It is notified in our advertising column that the Maidstone Park near Upper Hutt Railway Station is now open to the public. It is described as an ideal spot for holiday making.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 November 1908)

TO PLEASURE-SEEKERS.
MAIDSTONE PARK,
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NEAR UPPER HUTT RAILWAY
STATION.

THE above Grounds are now open to the public, and pleasure-seekers can ensure a good day's enjoyment in rambling o'er the hills and gullies and through the native bush. This is the nearest place to Wellington for bracing mountain air. An ideal spot for holiday-making. Hot Water free. Swings for the children.

Admission—Adults, 3d; Children, Half-price.

NOTE.—On other days but holidays arrangements for the grounds must be made with the Railway Department.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 06 November 1908)

Maidstone Park purchased by Upper Hutt Borough Council 1939

Evening Post newspaper 17 February 1939

Maidstone Park - Purchase Proposal - Reply to Objections

The Upper Hutt Borough Council recently decided to purchase Maidstone Park for the sum of £6000, the owner Mr P Davis agreeing to take debentures for 30 years at 3½ per cent, the outlay by the council being less than the amount it was paying for the lease

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 17 February 1939)

Evening Post newspaper 31 July 1939

Notice of Special Order - Maidstone Park Purchase Loan £6000. - Notice is hereby given that at a Special Meeting of the Council held on Monday 24th July 1939 the following resolution was passed

1. That the Upper Hutt Borough Council pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bodies Loans Act 1926 and the Physical Welfare and Recreation Act 1937 doth hereby resolve by way of resolution to raise a loan of £6000 by way of Special Order. That a loan of £6000 to be-known as the "Maidstone Park Purchase Loan 1939" be raised by the Upper Hutt Borough Council for the purpose of providing facilities, equipment and a centre for physical training, exercise, sport and recreation by the purchase of all the piece of land comprising parts of sections 128, 217 and 218 Hutt Registration District and Part lots 2 and 3 DP 567 Block 2 Rimutaka SD and containing 115 acres 2 roods more or less.

2. A Special rate of 412/1000ths of one penny in the £ upon the unimproved rateable value of all rateable land within the Borough of Upper Hutt shall be pledged as security for the payment of interest and principal in respect of the said loan.

3. The term of the loan shall be 30 years and the loan with interest thereon shall be repaid by equal aggregate annual or half yearly instalments extending over the said term.

4. It is not proposed to pay out of the loan the cost of raising the loan or the interest and principal repayments for the first year. And that the foregoing resolution will be submitted for confirmation at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday 24th August 1939 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chambers, Main Road Upper Hutt - B M Wilmshurst Town Clerk

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 31 July 1939)

Evening Post newspaper 28 October 1939

Rent of Confectionery Store Maidstone Park - Tenders closing at 5 pm on Wednesday 01 November 1939 are invited for the Rental of the Confectionery Store at Maidstone Park from 01 November 1939 till 31 October 1940 – Further particulars available at the Council Office Upper Hutt – B M Wilmshurst Town Clerk

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 28 October 1939)

The South Wellington School held their Centennial Picnic at Maidstone Park_in Wednesday 28 February 1940

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 February 1940)

Motor Pavilion building at Maidstone Park

Evening Post newspaper 07 March 1940

Motor Pavilion - Memorial at Upper Hutt - The motor pavilion at Maidstone Park now under construction has been approved as Upper Hutt's Centennial memorial. This was reported at a recent meeting of the Upper Hutt Borough Council at which the Mayor (Mr J Blewman) presided. The pavilion is a commodious building of brick and concrete. It has provision for two baths and

showers and water is already laid on. The councillors themselves have done much of the work as a gift to the borough. The provision of swimming baths for Upper Hutt which were originally intended to be situated at the Park and the proposed purchase of Barton's Bush are also under consideration.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 March 1940)

Evening Post newspaper 19 September 1940

Vandalism at Upper Hutt - The pavilion which has recently been erected at the motor camp at Maidstone Park has already been the subject of vandalism. It was reported at last night's meeting of the Upper Hutt Borough Council that four windows of the pavilion had been shattered by airgun pellets. In completing the pavilion it was thought advisable that the windows should be screened in some way and they were accordingly protected by wire frames. Councillor C A Rendle pointed out that the vandals had found a way to penetrate this obstruction and suggested that there should be a prohibition on the taking of airguns into the park.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 September 1940)

Band Room building at Maidstone Park



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Recollect Maidstone Park Band practice room June 1988)

Motor Pavilion Evening Post newspaper 26 October 1940

Maidstone Park Camp - A great majority of the users of the Maidstone Park motor camp last year were people from Auckland and other districts whose sons were in training at Trentham Camp according to a report given by the park superintendent at a recent meeting of the Upper Hutt Borough Council. The motor camp is now fully equipped and the pavilion is completed and ready for use. Other improvements to the park which was taken over by the borough only a short time ago include a large **band room** now in course of construction.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 October 1940)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 05 December 1940

They Say What do They Say – That they have their own Ban Room it will give them even more encouragement – That by the way how is the Band Room progressing?

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 05 December 1940)

Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 09 January 1941

They Say What do They Say - That the Band Room in the Maidstone Park is beginning to look something now.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 09 January 1941)

Upper Hutt Leader 24 April 1941

Borough Council – Band Room – This item was not included in the estimates and members of the Band contributed their grant of £50 towards the cost of the building.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library website Upper Hutt Leader 24 April 1941)

Upper Hutt Leader 01 May 1941

Over this period no loans have been negotiated. In addition to the Council achieving this financial stability they have completed many necessary services and improvements such as the Ladies Rest Room, Motor Camp Pavilion, Band Room in Maidstone Park, Croquet Green and Pavilion at Trentham permanent sealing of the Main Road footpath from Blenheim Street to Ward Street (now under construction).

(Reference Upper Hutt Library website Upper Hutt Leader 01 May 1941)

Upper Hutt Leader 01 May 1941

Municipal Band – The report of the annual meeting of the Municipal Band is unavoidable held over until next week. The official opening of the new Band Room also the Centennial Car Parking Pavilion will take place on Saturday afternoon

(Reference Upper Hutt Library website Upper Hutt Leader newspaper 01 May 1941)

Upper Hutt Municipal Band & Upper Hutt Pipe Band

The Upper Hutt Pipe Band was formed around 1944 and in later year the band shared the same band room with the Upper Hutt Municipal Band at Maidstone Park.

Upper Hutt Leader 08 August 1946

Upper Hutt Pipe Band – The Annual General Meeting of the above Band will be held in the Band-room Maidstone Park Road on Wednesday 14th August at 8 pm.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 08 August 1946)

The Band Rooms were used for private functions such as 21st parties.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 20 November 1947)

Upper Hutt Leader 10 March 1949

Upper Hutt Warriors Hockey Club Annual General Meeting – All members and intending members are cordially invited to attend a meeting of the above Club to be held at the Band Room Maidstone Park on Monday 21st March 1949 at 8 pm sharp – J A Clark Club Captain

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 10 March 1949)

Memorial Swimming Baths building at Maidstone Park

Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1945

Memorial Proposal - The construction of memorial swimming baths at Maidstone Park has been suggested to the Upper Hutt Borough Council by the local overseas parcel fund committee. At a special meeting of the council representatives of the committee said it was willing to hand over its funds as a contribution towards the proposal. The committee's funds at present totalled £290, and it was proposed to increase this amount to a minimum of £400 and possibly £500 by the profit from a pony and calf show to be held early next year. Representatives of the committee waited on the council to ascertain whether a Government subsidy could be obtained and whether the council would be prepared to assist with a donation. The Mayor Mr J Blewman advised that the project should be left in abeyance until the decision of the Government in regard to subsidies for memorials was announced and his recommendation was adopted.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 19 October 1945)

Upper Hutt Tennis Club

Upper Hutt Leader 16 October 1947

At the opening of the Maidstone Tennis Club on Saturday afternoon 04th October it was indeed a pleasant additional to the gathering to see the Upper Hutt Municipal Band in attendance.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 16 October 1947)
