

BIRCH TREE ESTATE HERETAUNGA – 1929

Section 101



(Source Hutt City Archives reference 255_Arch_72807 Birch Tree Estate Heretaunga)

The Birch Tree Estate in Heretaunga was first advertised for auction by Dunbar Sloane Ltd Auctioneers on 18 May 1929. The subdivision was developed on section 101 and consisted of 138 lots. I do not know who the owner of section 101 was or the name of the developer. There was a further sale of 50 lots on Birch Tree Estate at Heretaunga by S George Nathan & Co on 22 April 1939.

Transcription from Birch Tree Estate Heretaunga advertising poster

Birch-Tree Estate Heretaunga – The Ideal Garden Suburb – Section 101

To be sold by Dunbar Sloane Ltd Auctioneers & Sub-Division Specialists, 181 Featherston Street Wellington

Rich soil and lovely gardens. Opposite the Wellington Golf Links, Heretaunga, also the Post Office and Railway Station. One has the advantage of the bitumen road all the way from the City, there being no dust nuisance, and within half an hour's motor run of the City. Excellent trout fishing, also good shooting to be obtained close at hand. Electric Power and Borough Water installed, and now is the great opportunity of securing first hand delightful home or week-end sites at a very reasonable price and on easy terms.

Terms - £25 Deposit – Balance £1 monthly instalments – Balance 5 years 6½%

Buildings or places recorded Birch Tree Estate Heretaunga

Heretaunga Golf Links

Post Office

Racecourse

Silverstream Station

Heretaunga Station

Trentham Station

Education Reserve

Birch Tree Estate Street names and their origins

Aorangi Street

Aorangi Street no longer exists but was perhaps named after the Aorangi Forest Park in the Wairarapa. Aorangi means – Ao light or cloud – rangi sky - Light of Heaven – World in the Sky – Cloud of Heaven. Aorangi Street in Heretaunga was merged into the end of York Avenue / Street. Wisers NZ Post Office Directory volume 2 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 records Aorangi Street

Coates Street

Coates Street no longer exists but is now known as Coates Grove. It was named after Joseph Gordon Coates MC. Joseph (1878-1943) was the 21st Prime Minister of New Zealand from 1925 to 1928. He served during World War One and received the Military Cross and bar. There are various streets in Upper Hutt named after former Prime Ministers of New Zealand such as Coates, Massey, Seddon & Ward street and Savage & Fraser crescent. Wisers NZ Post Office Directory volume 2 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 recorded Coates Street.

Elizabeth Street

Elizabeth Avenue was named after the Duchess of York (later Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) after the 1927 visit to New Zealand of Duke and Duchess of York. Wisers NZ Post Office Directory volume 2 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 recorded Elizabeth Avenue.

Heretaunga Square

Heretaunga Square was named after the early Maori's who came from the Heretaunga Plains of Hawkes Bay. The meaning of Heretaunga is a mooring place for a canoe. I was informed that the Hutt River had no place to rest a canoe. Wisers NZ Post Office Directory volume 2 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 record Heretaunga Square

Hood Street

Hood Avenue was named after Malcolm Hopkins Hood. Malcolm (1895-1963) was Upper Hutt Borough Councillor 1929-1933. In 1919 his occupation was clerk and residence Whitemans Valley Road Silverstream. Perhaps the avenue may have been named after Captain George Hood (1891 -1928) an airman vanished in 1928 while attempting a trans-Tasman flight from Sydney Australia to Trentham Racecourse NZ. Cpt Hood served in World War One with the NZ Force and later joined Royal Flying Coy. Wises NZ Post Office Directory volume 2 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 recorded Hood Avenue.

Main Hutt Road

Main Hutt Road no longer exists but was named as it was the main road through the valley of Upper Hutt. The first road from Wellington was completed to Taita in 1843 and to Upper Hutt in 1844. The road was first known as the New Zealand Company Road, followed by Company Road, then Great North Eastern road, then Old Military Road, Main Hutt Road and/or Hutt Road, Main Road & Main Road North and/or Main Road South & and finally Fergusson Drive except for Main Street which is situated in the Central Business district of Upper Hutt. Fergusson Drive was named after His Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand Sir Bernard Fergusson. He declared Upper Hutt a City in 1966. Fergusson drive runs between the districts of Heretaunga, Trentham, Elderslea, Upper Hutt, Ebdentown, Clouston Park and ending at Brown Owl.

Pemysey Street

Pemysey Street no longer exist but was renamed Pempsey Street. A newspaper article recorded Pemysey in 1927 & 1937 & 1939 & 1943 & 1944 but other newspaper articles recorded Pempsey in 1928 & 1929 & 1930 & 1932 & 1935 & 1936 & 1937 & 1941 & 1944. The name Pemysey Street was the name on the original subdivision plan for Birch Tree Estate in Heretaunga.

Pempsey Road

Pempsey Street was named after details unknown. I was informed that it was after a soldier in the New Zealand Army but I have been unable to locate a soldier with the Pempsey surname. Chelsea Estate Silverstream subdivision near the golf links auction 15 February 1909 (Mr W G Gard) 70 sections situated between Railway station and Chatsworth Estate Main Road (Gloucester, Marlborough, Pempsey streets) reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 23 January 1909 & 06 August 1921 page 8. Wises NZ Post Office Directory volume 2 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 recorded Pempsey Street. Google gave me a Margaret M wife of Albert W Pempsey Soldier but I could not get any additional details.

York Avenue

York Avenue was named after the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George V and Queen Elizabeth) after their visit to New Zealand in 1927. Wises NZ Post Office Directory volume 2 1955 & 1959 & 1961-1962 recorded York Street. The end of York Street was originally known as Aorangi Street but was merged into York Street around the 1960s. On the Birch Tree Estate Heretaunga subdivision there was a proposed railway crossing to join York Avenue with Heretaunga Square on lots 29 & 77 of section 101.

Birch Tree Estate Street subdivision section 101

Main Hutt Road = Lots 1 to 3 & 6 to 10 & 17 to 20 & 30 to 37

Hood Street = Lots 3 to 6 & 11 & 13 & 15

Elizabeth Street = Lots 10 & 12 & 14 & 16 & 17 & 211 & 23 & 25 & 27

York Avenue = Lots 20 & 22 & 24 & 26 & 28 & 30 & 38 & 46

Aorangi Street = Lots 38 to 53

Coates Street = Lots 54 to 63

Pemysey Road = Lots 59 & 63 to 64 & 68 to 69 & 113 (next to lot 59 is lot 41 of different subdivision perhaps section 97)

Heretaunga Square = Lots 70 to 76 & 79 to 138 (lot 77 is not mark but was part of the proposed railway crossing into York Avenue)

<i>Lot</i>	<i>DP</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Resident and/or owner of property</i>
1		101	Main Hutt Road [next to part section 97]	
2		101	Main Hutt Road	
3		101	Main Hutt Road & Hood Street corner (south side)	[stamped sold]
4		101	Hood Street (south side)	
5		101	Hood Street (south side and borders railway line)	
6		101	Main Hutt Road & Hood Street corner (north side)	
7		101	Main Hutt Road	
8		101	Main Hutt Road	
9		101	Main Hutt Road	
10		101	Main Hutt Road & Elizabeth Street corner (south side)	
11		101	Hood Street (north side)	
12		101	Elizabeth Street (south side)	
13		101	Hood Street (north side)	
14		101	Elizabeth Street (south side)	
15		101	Hood Street (borders railway line)	
16		101	Elizabeth Street (borders railway line)	
17		101	Main Hutt Road & Elizabeth street corner (north side)	
18		101	Main Hutt Road	
19		101	Main Hutt Road	
20		101	Main Hutt Road & York Avenue corner (south side)	
21		101	Elizabeth Street (north side)	
22		101	York Avenue (south side)	
23		101	Elizabeth Street (north side)	
24		101	York Avenue (south side)	
25		101	Elizabeth Street (north side)	
26		101	York Avenue (south side)	
27		101	Elizabeth Street (borders railway line)	
28		101	York Avenue (south borders railway line)	
[29]		101	Proposed railway crossing to Heretaunga Square	
30		101	Main Hutt Road & York Avenue corner (north side)	
31		101	Main Road Hutt	

32		101	Main Road Hutt	
33		101	Main Road Hutt	
34		101	Main Road Hutt	
35		101	Main Road Hutt	
36		101	Main Road Hutt	
37		101	Main Road Hutt (borders education reserve)	
38		101	York Avenue & Aorangi Street (northwest side)	
39		101	Aorangi Street (west side)	
40		101	Aorangi Street (west side)	
41		101	Aorangi Street (west side)	
42		101	Aorangi Street (west side)	
43		101	Aorangi Street (west side)	
44		101	Aorangi Street (west side)	
45		101	Aorangi Street (west side borders education reserve)	
46		101	Aorangi Street & York Avenue corner (northeast side borders railway Line)	[stamped sold]
47		101	Aorangi Street (east side borders railway line)	
48		101	Aorangi Street (east side borders railway line)	
49		101	Aorangi Street (east side borders railway line)	
50		101	Aorangi Street (east side borders railway line)	
51		101	Aorangi Street (east side borders railway line)	
52		101	Aorangi Street (east side borders railway line)	
53		101	Aorangi Street (east side borders railway line & education reserve)	
54		101	Coates Street (south side borders railway line)	
55		101	Coates Street (south side)	
56		101	Coates Street (south side)	
57		101	Coates Street (south side)	
58		101	Coates Street (south side)	[stamped sold]
59		101	Coates Street & Pemysey Street corner (south side)	
60		101	Coates Street (north side borders railway line)	
61		101	Coates Street (north side)	
62		101	Coates Street (north side)	
63		101	Coates Street & Pemysey Street corner (north side)	
64		101	Pemysey Street (west side)	

65		101	Heretaunga Square (borders railway line)	
66		101	Heretaunga Square (south side)	
67		101	Heretaunga Square (south side)	
68		101	Pemysey Street (southwest side)	
69		101	Pemysey Street & Heretaunga Square corner (west side)	
70		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
71		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
72		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
73		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
74		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
75		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
76		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
[77]		101	Proposed railway crossing to York Avenue	
78		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
79		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
80		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
81		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	
82		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	[stamped sold]
83		101	Heretaunga Square (border railway line)	[stamped sold]
84		101	Heretaunga Square (borders railway line & education reserve)	
85		101	Heretaunga Square (southwest corner inside square)	
86		101	Heretaunga Square (west inside square)	
87		101	Heretaunga Square (west inside square)	
88		101	Heretaunga Square (west inside square)	
89		101	Heretaunga Square (west inside square)	[stamped sold]
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97		101	Heretaunga Square (west inside square)	
98		101	Heretaunga Square (southwest corner inside square)	[stamped sold]

99		101	Heretaunga Square (southeast corner inside square)	
100		101	Heretaunga Square (east inside square)	
101		101	Heretaunga Square (east inside square)	
102		101	Heretaunga Square (east inside square)	
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110		101	Heretaunga Square (east inside square)	
111		101	Heretaunga Square (east inside square)	
112		101	Heretaunga Square (northeast corner inside square)	
113		101	Pemysey Street & Heretaunga Square corner (southwest side)	
114		101	Heretaunga Square (south side)	
115		101	Heretaunga Square (south side)	
116		101	Heretaunga Square (south side)	
117		101	Heretaunga Square (southwest corner)	
118		101	Heretaunga Square (west side)	
119		101	Heretaunga Square (west side)	
120		101	Heretaunga Square (west side)	
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127		101	Heretaunga Square (west side)	
128		101	Heretaunga Square (west side)	
129		101	Heretaunga Square (west side)	
130		101	Heretaunga Square (west side)	
131		101	Heretaunga Square (west side)	
132		101	Heretaunga Square (borders education reserve)	

133		101	Heretaunga Square (borders education reserve)	
134		101	Heretaunga Square (borders education reserve)	
135		101	Heretaunga Square (borders education reserve)	
136		101	Heretaunga Square (borders education reserve)	
137		101	Heretaunga Square (borders education reserve)	
138		101	Heretaunga Square (northwest corner borders education reserve)	

Birch Tree Estate Heretaunga newspaper articles

Evening Post newspaper 18 May 1929

Special Announcement by Dunbar Sloane Limited – Birch Tree Estate Heretaunga – Immediately opposite Gold Club Gates 2 minutes from Post Office and Railway Station – 138 Magnificent building sections – 138 – Rich soil, level, sun all day – This ideal subdivision is served by a modern bitumen road from the city, water and electricity is laid on. Beautiful Birch, Totara and other Native Trees adorn the property and it can truthfully be said that the locality, soil and general condition all make for ideal homes. This Estate has never changes hands before and the original owners have placed the exclusive selling agency in the hands of Dunbar Sloane Ltd., Sub-divisional Specialists. The prices are exceedingly moderate and the terms so easy that these sections are bought within the reach of all. £25 deposit, instalment £1 to 30s per month, and the balance of unpaid purchase money for 5 years at 6½ per cent. Further particulars and Conditions from the Agents, Dunbar Sloane Ltd., Sub-divisional Specialists, 181 Featherston Street Wellington. Our Salesmen will call upon you. This is your Golden Opportunity.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 18 May 1929 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 25 March & 01 April 1939

Sale of Birch Tree Estate Heretaunga on Saturday 22 April 1939 at 2.30 pm on the Property - Messrs S George Nathan & Co are directed to sell by Public Auction as above. 50 Good Home Sites – Upset Prices from £50 per Section. Terms of Sale £10 on fall of hammer and the balance in 4 years to be reduced by payments of £5 each 6 months. Interest at 5 per cent on unpaid purchase money, the purchaser to have the right of paying off the whole or part during the said 4 years. Plans and full particulars from the Auctioneers – S George Nathan & Co, 111 Customhouse Quay Wellington

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 25 March 1939 page 16)
