

❖ Heritage Trails

Two more Wellington City Council Heritage Trails have been produced to add to the ones produced last year on the Aro Valley and Thorndon.

The Old Shoreline guide begins with the City Council Destructor and yard in Herd Street and progresses along Courtenay Place, through to Civic Square, Willis Street and then along Lambton Quay. This booklet contains some interesting photographs of the Courtenay Place area, as well as details on the Art Deco Prudential Assurance Building and its neighbours on Lambton Quay which are currently under threat of demolition.

The Maritime guide covers the waterfront area from Shed 21 by the Railway Station, along the wharves to the band rotunda at Oriental Bay, detailing the history of all the main waterfront buildings. Of interest to our part of town is the Herd St P.O. and the Chaffers Marina/Clyde Quay Boat Harbour area. An interesting map at the end of the booklet details the dates and locations of the harbour land reclamations.

Accompanying these guides are information panels strategically placed along the routes. You may have noticed one in Blair Street, one in Civic Square and another outside the Maritime Museum, to name but a few.

These booklets are available from the Visitor Information Centre in the City Council building for \$1-00 each.

❖ Art Deco Walk

On Sunday 23rd February Judy Siers of the Onslow Historical Society ran the first Art Deco walk around Wellington. Art Deco has been much maligned but is now being noticed as something worth keeping. Napier has recently restored many of its Art Deco buildings and its annual Art Deco Festival has proved a great success with locals and tourists alike.

Many of the buildings along this walk are located within our own heritage catchment or nearby - including the Embassy

Theatre, the Central Fire Station, Fountain Court, Herd St Post Office, Edmund Anson's own apartment at 212 Oriental Parade and Wekutawai, a house he designed at 90 Oriental Parade. Other buildings which could easily be added to the list could include Belvedere in Austin/Majoribanks St, Strawberry Fare and Flanagans in Kent Terrace, the old Rehabilitation League building at 21 Hania Street and Owd Trafford - 17 Brougham St, to name but a few. If you would like to know more about this fledgling Art Deco group contact Judy Siers on 4796896

Queen Victoria Statue

Queen Victoria would not be amused with WCC's Russell Blacks intention of trying to move Her Majesty again. In the Evening Post 6-11-96 he made it clear that the fight was not over and that the planning process would begin again, sometime this year. So far we have heard nothing further - will keep you posted.

❖ SUBSCRIPTIONS

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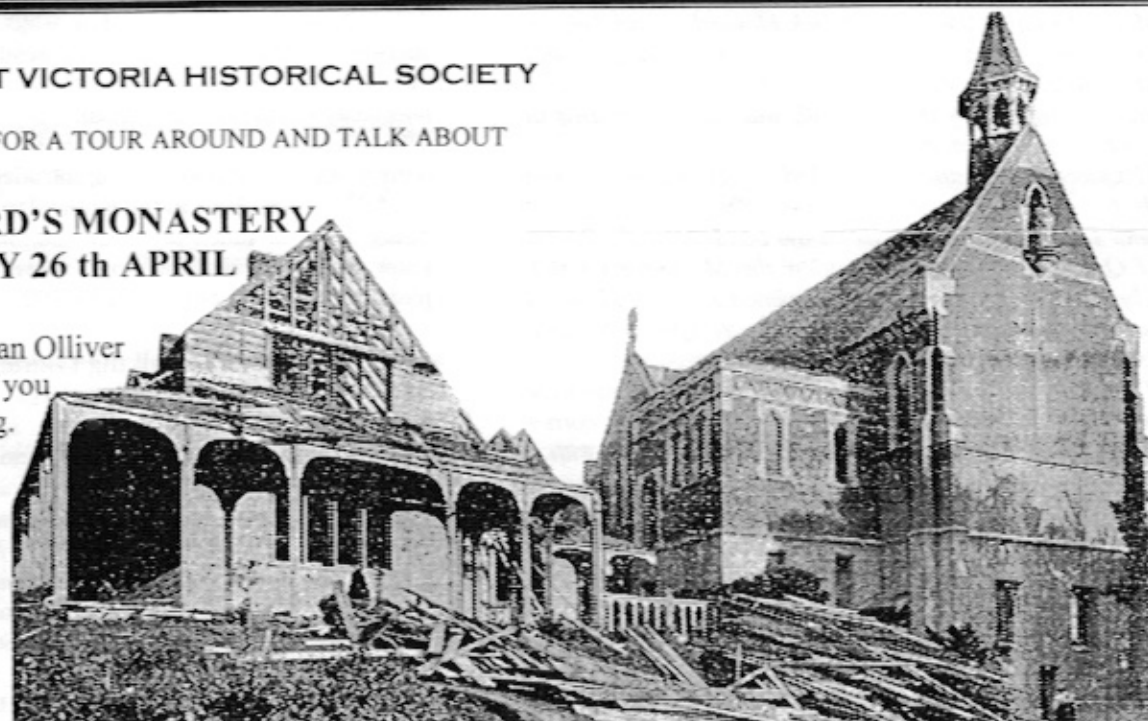
INVITES YOU FOR A TOUR AROUND AND TALK ABOUT

ST GERARD'S MONASTERY

SATURDAY 26th APRIL

3.30 PM

Please ring Alan Olliver on 3851022 if you intend coming.



Evening Post 12 June 1931. Making Room For A New Monastery Building - The house on the left in Hawker St is being pulled down to make room for the new monastery building for the Redemptorist Fathers. It was once the residence of the late Mr James Edward Fitzgerald, formerly Comptroller General.

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