

West Aucklanders' guide to the Waitemata City Council's new Lincoln offices.

A — Main public entrances and service areas, mayoral office (bottom), council chambers, lounge and committee rooms (top), lift for disabled and elderly people.

B — Planning and survey department (bottom), staff and public cafeteria (top).

C — Lettable space, BNZ agency, strong room, storage (bottom), treasury department and rates (middle), administration (top).

D — Loading bay, supply office, storage (bottom), inspectors' department (middle) and engineering and draughting (top).

E — Public and staff entrance to 130 space parking areas.

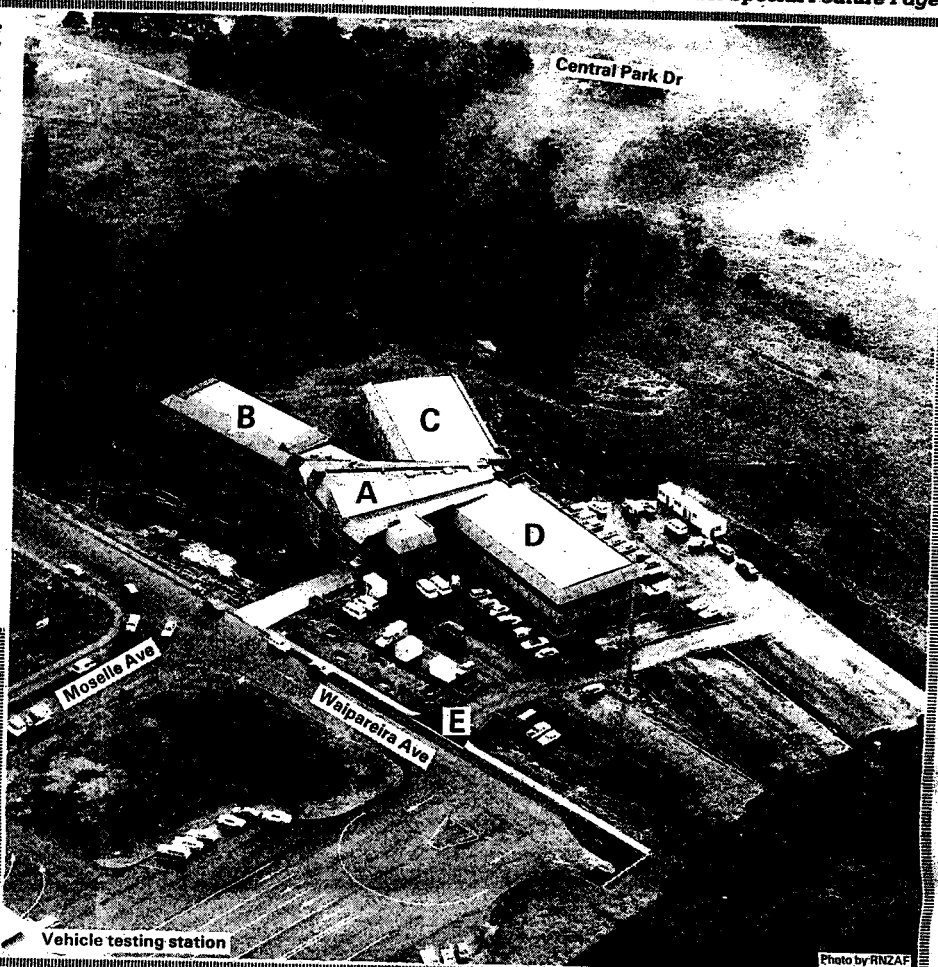
From the main public entrance visitors have only a short distance to reach the main council departments on four levels.

Short stairways connect each half level and the public counters are generally long enough to adequately cope with queues.

A spacious cafeteria on the top level is open to the public. The mayoral office had been planned for the top level as well but Waitemata Mayor Mr Tony Covic preferred an office near the public entrance.

He says he wants to be "closer to the action" and more accessible to public and staff alike.

The rear Henderson Creek esplanade is proposed as a public walkway and picnic area with access from Central Park Dr.



FACTS ABOUT WAITEMATA CITY

Population	91,500
Dwellings	26,920
Primary Schools	32
Intermediate Schools	6
Secondary Schools	8
Total City Area	37,550 hectares
Total Gross Expenditure 1983/84	\$44,266,000
Number of Ratepayers	31,070
Capital Value	\$924,477,000
Number of Council Employees — Permanent	355
PEP	300 (average, depending on work schemes)
Number of Wards	4
Number of Councillors	13

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The Waitemata City Council's new administration building at Waipareira Ave, Lincoln.

Mayor says fifth largest city has 'A home to be proud of'

The 5th largest New Zealand city now has appropriate headquarters,

says Waitemata Mayor Mr Tony Covic. That's his reaction to

some ratepayer comments about the city's new \$4 million offices in Lincoln. Typical of some observa-

tions are: "lavish", "very nice" and "I can see where my rates have gone".

People have pride in their homes therefore the city should also be proud of its own home, says Mr Covic.

The \$4 million Waipareira Ave building is "magnificent" and will set a modern standard for other developers to follow in the city, he says.

"I'm sure ratepayers will get their money's worth from staff working in such favourable conditions."

Mr Covic believes the city and former Waitemata county spent "millions" in excess of the cost of the new building on rent and rates for offices in other local authority areas.

"Now we have our own

home in our own territory for possibly the next century."

The five-level structure designed by Warren and Mahoney Architects is based on earlier plans for Waitemata offices in Edsel St, Henderson.

The firm has been involved in several Waitemata proposals for new offices and also designed the Christchurch Town Hall and the New Zealand High Commission building in Washington.

A Christchurch based firm, W. Williamson Construction Co Ltd, built the new offices within 15 months.

Decor was left "to the professionals" and probably saved some argument

over a colour scheme, says Mr Covic.

Red is the predominant colour in the extensively glassed, brick building, dubbed "the fort" by a few council staff.

Visitors step off the red cobblestone public pathway on to green-flecked red carpet.

Interior decor is in similar hues and chairs in the council chambers are lime-green.

Counters and desks are generally of varnished wood.

Some \$700,000 has been spent on new furniture although some equipment has been retained from the John Henry Centre offices.

Extensive ventilation and heat-pump air-conditioning costing about \$400,000 has

been installed by Alaskan Industries Ltd, one of many West Auckland firms involved in the building's construction.

A push-button telephone system is also in place.

Hired pot plants decorate the main foyers while decorative "sputnik" lighting offsets ceiling lights.

Interior finishing touches are expected to be finished in about a month.

Landscaping of the 1.6 ha site is also underway with the Henderson Creek esplanade reserve planned for use as a public recreation and picnic area.

Trees and shrubs have also been planted along Moselle Ave, which leads from Lincoln Rd to the council's front door.

Hub of the city

Waitemata's new Lincoln administration headquarters is in effect like the hub of a wheel.

From this Waipareira Ave centre, growth is expected to radiate outwards — like spokes.

Already the Lincoln area is on the move, consolidating on an existing base.

It's an area of variety. Vineyards prosper alongside commerce and industry, the New Zealand Bible College, Waitakere Hospital, parks and recreation areas and homes.

Lincoln Rd is the traffic artery for the large peninsula, bordered by the Henderson and Huruwharu Creeks.

It connects the north-western motorway with the busy Henderson commercial centre while also serving the Lincoln industrial, commercial and residential areas.

A network of roads will soon improve access through Lincoln and these include extensions to Te Pai Pl, Central Park Dr and Universal Dr.

It will also open up the developing areas of Lincoln where industry has forged ahead only in the past few years.

Among some of the major premises established in the area during the past three or four years are the Plessey NZ Ltd electronics factory near the council offices, the council's vehicle testing station and New Zealand Fruitgrowers Federation stores at Moselle Ave.

Ironically, the Henderson Borough Council moved into Plessey's Ratanui St factory when the firm shifted in late 1981.

Henderson's Pioneer Developments Ltd has taken a big hand in development of the area around the new Waitemata offices.

It has built some 32 factory units for showrooms and wholesale-retail outlets in Moselle Ave.

A further 14 units, totalling about \$800,000 will be finished shortly opposite the new council building.

Close by is the \$1.8 million Waitemata Stadium under construction at Central Park Dr.

This joint council and Waitemata Athletic Club project on the 8 ha Central Park will provide an international standard athletic track, multi-purpose gymnasium, indoor training centre, clubrooms, fitness trail and cross-country course.

Seating about 10,000 spectators, the stadium will be available for a range of community uses such as concerts, festivals, other sports and family events.

It is due for completion later this year.

The stadium will complement the nearby Te Pai Park netball and tennis facilities.

The Waitakere Licensing Trust proposes a major hotel facility on a 1.6 ha site between Te Pai Park and Moselle Ave.

Under study at this stage the project could be started this financial year.

Vineyards and orchards are a major part of Lincoln's character and the council is striving to protect this feature which is important as both a revenue earner and visitor drawcard.

The Woodhill Winery (Penfolds) in particular has developed its Lincoln Rd property into a showcase for visitors to West Auckland.

A new shopping centre is proposed at Lincoln North near existing shops.

The 3000 sq m centre is proposed at the corner of Lincoln Rd and the planned Universal Dr extension intersection.

It was approved this year by the planning tribunal over a similar proposal for Te Pai Pl.

Housing is generally confined to the west of Lincoln Rd with expansion limited mainly to the Universal Dr area, particularly the "Penfold's Block".

Landscaping and attractive planting will enhance the council's neighbourhood.

And in time Lincoln is expected to become the showpiece for the city.

No 6 is the new address

Number 6 Waipareira Ave is the Waitemata City Council's new address.

Waipareira should be a familiar name to many Waitemata residents. It is also the title of the parish or district and appears on many title deeds.

It is not expected to create spelling difficulties for too many residents, according to Waitemata city manager Mr Reg Walker,

because the council's postal address is "Private Bag, Henderson".

Waipareira is among the older Maori place names, going back to migration times and the arrival of Toi kai rakau, who reputedly reached the Waitemata about 1150AD.

Toi had a niece, Pareira, who settled in a valley beside a stream.

This stream became known as the waters of

Pareira or Waipareira before it was renamed Henderson's Creek after Thomas Henderson established a mill there more than 140 years ago.

The council's new site at Lincoln was formerly swamp and scrubland.

West Auckland historian Mr Jack Diamond believes a lack of middens (shell and refuse heaps) indicates the area was not a significant Maori settlement.

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Waitemata freedom for the RNZAF

Bayonets fixed, swords drawn and standards flying, the Royal New Zealand Air Force parade will be an impressive sight when the RNZAF receives the freedom of Waitemata City on Saturday, August 6.

Two Auckland-based squadrons totalling 200 armed men will parade in the ceremony, to be held with the official opening of the Waitemata City Council's new Lincoln offices.

The Auckland base adjutant, Squadron Leader Tom Stephenson, is organising the parade, which will comprise the charter ceremony and a separate guard of honour for the Governor-General, Sir David Beattie, when he arrives officially to open the new \$4m offices.

Representatives of all base personnel and the standards of 40 Squadron (Hercules and Boeings) and 5 Squadron (Orions) will be in the parade, which will assemble at the Lincoln vehicle testing station in Moselle Ave at 11.15am before marching to the front of the council building.

Led by Wing Commander Carey Adamson, the parade will also feature the base Auckland band.

After taking the salute the Waitemata Mayor, Mr Tony Covic, will inspect the parade.

Waitemata and RNZAF representatives will speak when the charter is presented and there will be a march past before the parade returns to the assembly point to reform into a 100-man guard for the arrival of the Governor-General at 12.30pm.

The Governor-General's personal standard will be unfurled at the masthead during the vice-regal salute, then Sir David will inspect the guard.

The RNZAF's formal involvement in the ceremony will end at 12.40pm.

The granting of the city key to the RNZAF will entitle it to parade armed through Waitemata without permission and allow the mayor annually to inspect the personnel of RNZAF Base Auckland (Whenuapai and Hobsonville).

Two uniformed officers will also be available to attend the mayor on ceremonial occasions.

The scroll or charter is likely to be framed and hung in the Whenuapai air base headquarters.



The RNZAF's 40 Squadron Standard Party going through its paces at Whenuapai Airbase. The Standard bearer is Flight Lieutenant, Paul Beck, the escorts are Sergeant Anthony Byrne (left), Flight Sergeant John Bates and to the rear is Warrant Officer Ron Hayward.

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Governor-General opens office

Many of the 600 guests at the Waitemata Civic centre opening took the opportunity to closely inspect the new \$4 million offices.

Among them were local body leaders from throughout Auckland, MPs and community representatives. The Governor-General, Sir David Beattie, and Lady Beattie headed the tour of

the offices.

Reactions ranged from outright delight and envy to murmured comments on cost but most people were generally impressed.

Guests were also enthralled by an impressive display from the Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Auckland, particularly during the ceremony granting the city freedom to the RNZAF.

An art and floral display by some Waitemata groups drew considerable interest from visitors and will continue at the centre for about a month.



After official duties, a bowl of soup for (from left) RNZAF Base Auckland Carey Adamson and Air Commodore Bernard O'Connor, with base commander Tom Thomson.

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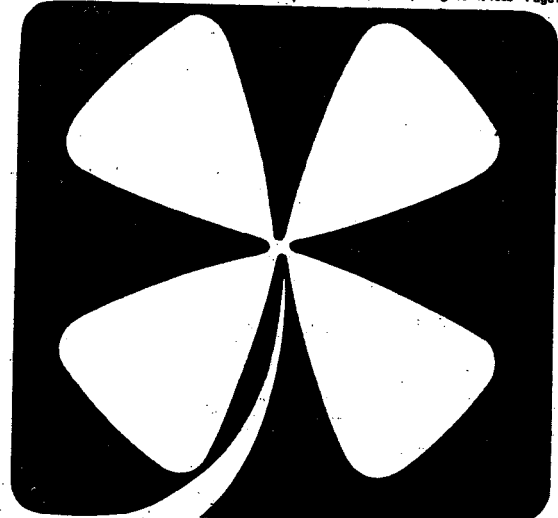
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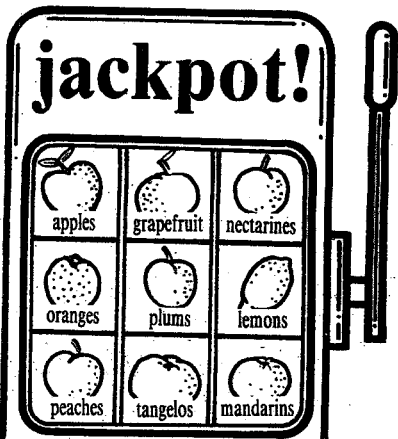
LINCOLN ROAD GARDEN CENTRE



The steward Mr Mike Thompson assists Mrs Florida Vela of Lincoln during the Waitemata Centre opening.



Enjoying a chat at the Waitemata Civic Centre opening are (from left) Sir Tom Skinner, Mr Ian King, Lady Skinner and Waitemata deputy mayor Mr Bob Stanic.



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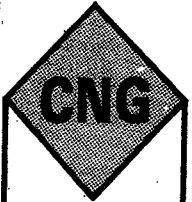
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