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## South Side of Devon Street West

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**Themes in development:** early settlement, transport and trade, cultural and social.

**Cultural heritage values:** historical, architectural, technical, symbolic, rarity, townscape and group values.

**Not registered.**

**Owner**  
Various owners

**Title**  
Various titles

**Use**  
Retail and office

### **Description**

The buildings on the south side of Devon Street West, from the Mayfair Theatre, item DW3, to the former C T Mills building, 101 Devon Street West, together form a consistent streetscape of early buildings. They vary in age from c.1885 to the 1960s, yet have a matching scale and height, and a compatibility, that renders them together an important element in the townscape of New Plymouth.

### **History**

Devon Street has always been the main thoroughfare of New Plymouth. It was part of Carrington's plan for the town, and was built on from the first years of settlement; it had the first bridge over the Huatoki Stream. As in all parts of the growing town, buildings were built and replaced over time, but this section of Devon Street West is remarkable in having still standing (although modified) four 19th century timber buildings. In the photo above they are the first, third, fourth and fifth from the right; of these the last is included in the Inventory, item DW7. Later buildings date from the 1920s and 30s, while the modern period is represented by the glass curtain-walled building at 89(?) Devon Street West.

### **Statement of Significance**

This group of buildings has historic significance for the insight it gives to 19th century streetscapes. It has important streetscape qualities for the consistency of scale and height and the compatibility of materials, detail and design. This quality can be appreciated in views from the west and east, and also from the south along Egmont Street.

### **Elements of Significance**

Five Inventory items: Mayfair Theatre, item DW3; 81-83 Devon Street West, item DW4; 85 Devon Street West, item DW5; TSB Bank, item DW6, and Arizona Takeaways, item DW7.

Scale of the group.

### **Sources**

See individual Inventory sheets.



**Devon Street West, c.1905.**

The first, third, fourth and fifth buildings from the right are still standing, although they have lost much of the decorative detail shown here.

*Taranaki Museum photo.*