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# Arthur Young House opens

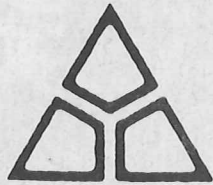
## Taranaki origins

The name Arthur Young may be relatively new in Taranaki, but the accounting firm can trace its origins in the province back to the 1890s.

Arthur Young's New Plymouth office is based on the amalgamation of three long-established Taranaki firms — D. N. Quickfall, Watts Wilson Okey and Co, and Gibson and Charleton.

Arthur Young has been in New Zealand since 1983, when the national chartered accounting firm Wilkinson Wilberfoss adopted the name of its international associate.

Wilkinson Wilberfoss' New Plymouth office was based around the firm of D. N. Quickfall, which joined Wilberfoss and Co in 1970.

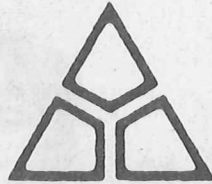


Mr Derek Quickfall, now administration partner in the New Plymouth office, was a member of a practice dating back to 1939, when his father, W. H. Quickfall bought a practice which consisted mainly of the secretaryships of four dairy companies.

Watts Wilson Okey and Co joined forces with Wilkinson Wilberfoss in July 1980, bringing current Arthur Young partners Orm Greensill and Bob Pitcairn into the firm.

Watts Wilson Okey and

Co was formed in 1937 by Wilfred Watts, who was president of the New Zealand Society of Accountants in 1954-55 and was made a life member of the society. Mr Watts was also chairman of Ivon Watkins before it became Ivon Watkins-Dow.



Stratford-based Gibson and Charleton merged with Arthur Young's New Plymouth office in July 1983.

This firm was originally formed by Harry Penn in the late 1890s. The firm underwent various name changes as Penn's son Tom, and later Malcolm Gibson joined the firm.

Tom Penn was secretary of the Stratford Hospital Board, secretary of eight dairy companies and auditor of a number of others. He was also instrumental in forming the bobby calf movement in Taranaki in the early 1940s and was heavily involved in the Federated Farmers movement.

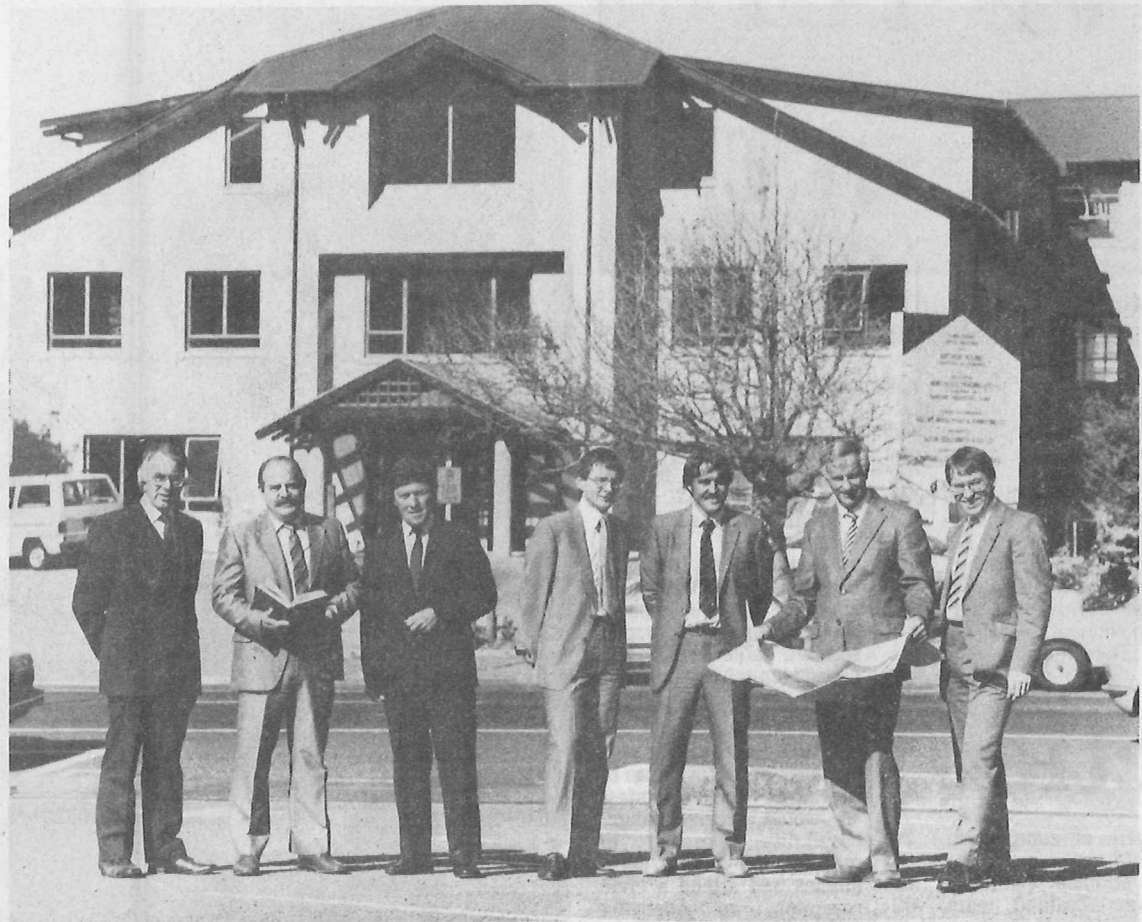
Arthur Young's New Plymouth office today continues the traditional involvement with the dairy industry by acting as auditor for one of the three

remaining dairy companies in Taranaki, the Egmont Co-op Dairy Company at Opunake, as well as for the cheese manufacturer, the New Zealand Rennet Company.

Peter Charleton joined Arthur Young as a partner when Gibson and Charleton merged, while Malcolm Gibson remained on for a period as a consultant.

Arthur Young grew even larger when it amalgamated with Ross Englebretsen's Stratford practice in April 1985.

The firm now has seven partners, Derek Quickfall, Orm Greensill, Bob Pitcairn, Bruce Richards, Peter Charleton, Ross Englebretsen, and Robin Brockie, and 43 staff. The numbers have more than doubled since July 1980.



The new Arthur Young House provides a suitable backdrop for the seven partners in the New Plymouth office of the international accounting firm of Arthur Young & Company. They are, from left, Peter Charleton, Robert Pitcairn, Ross Englebretsen, Robin Brockie, Bruce Richards, Derek Quickfall, and Ian Donald.