

3. Buildings

■ Magazine articles

1.

Parker, Selwyn. "Mr. and Mrs. Chan's Pagoda: The Dream of an Ambitious Immigrant Family Turned into a Nightmare." *Metro*, October 1991, 112-117.

A critical account of the construction difficulties faced by the Mangere's Chan family when building the Orient Towers on the corner of Lorne and Wellesley Street. The Chan family also encountered extreme financial difficulties due to the construction incompleteness, which in turn affected their other businesses. The Orient Towers were taken over by Bank of New Zealand, who then leased it out to businesses. Contributes to the history of the Orient Towers and Auckland architecture. Adds to the profile of the Chan family in Mangere.

Subject descriptors:

Architectural design, Architecture, Buildings, Entrepreneurs, Feng Shui, Finance, Funding, Investments, Mangere (Manukau, N.Z.), Real estate investments, Restaurants, Retailing

Special features: [illus.], [port.]

Holdings: AP, AU, MNP

■ Newspaper articles

2.

Auckland Star. "Centre Will Keep Chinese Unity." May 14, 1975.

Supplies information on how funds were raised to build this Chinese community centre in Mangere. Mentions other properties that are already belonged to the Auckland Chinese community. The purpose of the centre was to provide a common place for the Auckland Chinese community to meet and to maintain their cultural ties. Dr. Gam Lee explained the social ethics that were strictly

enforced between different generations of New Zealand Chinese so to maintain the respect they had received from the Auckland society.

Shows the older Chinese settlers and their descendants in Auckland are keen to maintain cultural ties while integrating into the society slowly. Points out how the Chinese community had been assimilating successful. Also explains the need for segregation and the possible disadvantages for rapid assimilation. This supplements the literature on Auckland Chinese assimilation providing an insider's perspective on integrating into the Auckland society.

Original reference: *Auckland Scrapbook*, March 1975 – September 1975, p124

Subject descriptors:

Acquisitions, Buildings, Community centres, Cooking schools, Funding, Greenlane (Auckland, N.Z.), Mangere (Manukau, N.Z.), Pakuranga (Manukau, N.Z.), Rites and ceremonies, Social ethics, Sports facilities

Holdings: AP, AU

See also: 30

3.

Auckland Star. "Chinese to build \$75,000 centre." August 22, 1972.

The Auckland Chinese community had planned to build a new community centre at Mangere to replace the site at State Theatre on Symonds Street. The design for this centre included club and lecture rooms, lounge, and in-door sports facilities.

Supplements the history of the Auckland Chinese community centre. This later location of the community centre were noted in some local histories published about Mangere Chinese residents.

Subject descriptors:

Acquisitions, Buildings, Community centres, Cooking schools, Funding, Greenlane (Auckland, N.Z.), Mangere (Manukau, N.Z.), Sports facilities

Holdings: AP, AU

See also: 29, 31

4.

Brett, Michael. "He's Determined to Finish the Centre." *Auckland Star*, July 3, 1979.

Provide details regarding the progresses of fund raising and building of the Auckland Chinese Community Centre in Mangere. Mr. Willie Young was elected as the Chairman of the Auckland Chinese Community Centre. Article includes profile of Young and his involvements within the local community and others in the country.

Information adds to the profile of prominent people within the Auckland Chinese community, and supplements the history of the Chinese Community Centre. Article also shows there are strong support within the Auckland Chinese community to build a place in which they can gather socially, as well as maintaining the culture ties.

Subject descriptors:

Buildings, Community centres, Funding, Mangere (Manukau, N.Z.), Otahuhu (Auckland, N.Z.), Sport facilities

Special features: [port.]

Holdings: AP, AU

See also: 29, 30, 32

5.

New Zealand Herald. "Chinese Buy Theatre." February 4, 1960.

Some members of the Auckland Chinese community had bought the State Theatre on Symonds Street from the Kerridge-Odeon Corporation for £27,000. This theatre was intended to be used as a social centre for the Chinese community in Auckland. Activities planned for this facility include Chinese films and dances, live theatre productions, and Chinese culinary cooking school.

Short article shows the social activities of the Auckland Chinese community. These activities were designed to promote the Chinese culture within their own community. It adds to the history of social activities within the Auckland Chinese community.

Original reference: *Auckland Scrapbook*, November 1959 – April 1960, p.138.

Subject descriptors:

Acquisitions, Buildings, Community centres, Cooking schools, Motion picture theatres

Holdings: AP, AU, MNP

See also: 4

6.

New Zealand Herald. "Chinese Plan to Build Big Hall." December 12, 1966, sec. 1.

The Auckland Chinese community planned to build a recreation hall for the Chinese youth in Auckland. Members of the Chinese community would be invited to bring friends from other ethnicity background to use this facility. Other functions planned for this building was to provide indoor and outdoor sporting facilities, home economic classes. It was hoped that Chinese culture could be preserved among the Chinese youth of that time. An organising committee had been set up for this plan, and were locating suitable site to build this facility.

Similar to other resources, this information illustrates the use of community centres by the Chinese community to gather and socialise. In addition, they often use these facilities to promote and preserve the Chinese culture among the Auckland Chinese community.

Subject descriptors:

Buildings, Community Centres, Funding, Cooking schools, Sports facilities

Holdings: AP, AU, MNP

7.

**New Zealand Herald. "Vicar Joins Critics of the Look of Central Auckland."
December 4, 1984.**

The Thomas Doo Junior building on the corner of Hobson and Cook Street were to be demolished to make way for a new commercial building. Reverend Bill Heald from St. Paul's Anglican Church was strongly opposed against the demolition as this would lessen the character of the Auckland Central district. Information supplements the history of historic buildings in Auckland, and demonstrates the lost of historic architecture through urban development.

Subject descriptors:

Architecture, Buildings, Demolition, Historic sites, Urban development

Special features: [illus.], [port.]

Holdings: AP, AU, MNP

See also: 60

8.

**Nissen, Cedric. "Tower Adds Touch of China to Downtown." *New Zealand Herald*,
May 3 1989.**

Brief biographical details of Frances and Colin Chan from Mangere Bridge, who commissioned to build the Chinese Pagoda building in downtown Auckland. Describes the process of this project from acquisitions of a suitable site to the selection and delivery of building materials from Hong Kong to New Zealand. The building was being built at the corner of Wellesley and Lorne Street. Article contributes to the history of Auckland Chinese within the Auckland city area and add to the

history of the lives of Chinese immigrants in New Zealand. The information may be valuable in the future when this building becomes one of the historic icons of Auckland City.

Original reference: *Auckland Scrapbook*, October 1988 – October 1989, p30.

Subject descriptors:

Architectural design, Architecture, Buildings, Entrepreneurs, Investments, Mangere (Manukau, N.Z.), Real estate investments, Restaurants, Retailing

Special features: [illus.]

Holdings: AP, AU, MNP