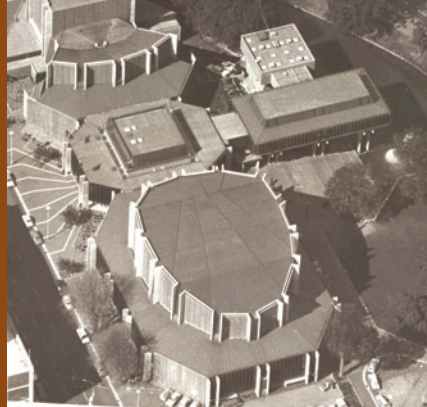


# THE INSIDE-OUTSIDE BUILDING CHRISTCHURCH TOWN HALL



## WHY WE LOVE IT

**OUR YOUNGEST HERITAGE BUILDING:** With the passing of time the architecture of the 60s and 70s, once viewed as unfashionable, is taking on new significance. The Christchurch Town Hall, 1965-1972, emerges as a true gem of its time.

**IT'S SO RETRO:** Many of the features of Modernist design – where the inside of the building are expressed on the outside, are included in the design of the Town Hall, the well organised internal spaces, the main auditorium's famous acoustics and how well the building fits into the site.

**FERRIER FOUNTAIN:** The stunning 'sphere de fleur' design with three separate static water display fountains.

## STYLE GURUS

Local architectural partnership Warren and Mahoney won a competition to design the City's third and much needed town hall.

The design went on to win a Gold Medal from the New Zealand Institute of Architects in 1973, with the judges saying the building was "an architectural work of the highest quality".

Well known construction company Chas Luney Ltd. were responsible for the construction.

## WHAT WAS HERE BEFORE

The Kilmore Street site housed the Limes Hospital (after which the Hall's Limes Room is named) and brick terrace housing.

## WONDERFUL & WEIRD

Since its beginnings the Town Hall has played a key role in the cultural life of the City – everything from premier art events, graduation ceremonies to wrestling and weightlifting events in the 1974 Commonwealth Games.

## CHALLENGES

The Town Hall is the youngest protected heritage building in the Christchurch City Plan what will beat its record in years to come?

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

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