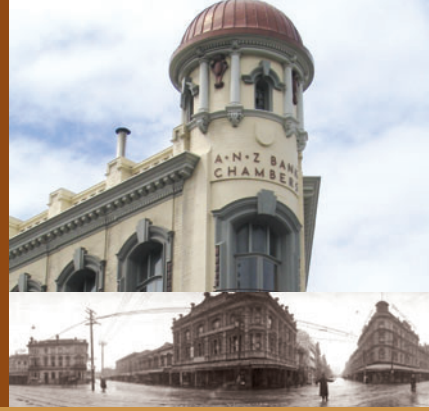


# HIGH STANDARDS HIGH STREET



## WHY WE LOVE IT

**WONDERFUL ARCHITECTURE:** High Street between Tuam and Lichfield Streets has one of the most complete sections of Victorian and Edwardian retail and commercial buildings remaining in the city. The service yards and lanes to the rear of some of the buildings have been developed for new uses in recent years.

**MEET ME ON HIGH...** The passing of time hasn't dimmed the original spirit of 'gathering on High' – where once cabs stood, fountains gurgled, animals drank and people shopped; today the sounds of Jazz, the sights and smells of inner city living, cafes and boutique shops entertain visitors and locals.

## STYLE GURUS

**NORTH OF TUAM STREET - A BEVY OF BEAUTIES:** The distinctive corner tower of the former ANZ Building, 1908-12 designed by Clarkson and Ballantyne; the Excelsior Hotel, 1881-1882 designed by W B Armonson; the Para Building, 1900 and the former High Street Post Office (now Alice's Video), 1932 designed by the Government Architect J T Mair.

**SOUTH OF TUAM STREET – STYLISH STREETScape:** Framing the south west corner is the former A.J White's Department store building (now McKenzie and Willis) which was designed by the England Brothers and built 1910-11.

This building and others around the corner and stretching along High Street feature wonderful Edwardian polychrome brick facades by the architectural firms of England Brothers and Luttrell Brothers.

## WHAT WAS HERE BEFORE

High Street was the major commercial street in Christchurch in the late nineteenth century, and featured the popular White Hart Hotel and the City's first Town Hall.

## WONDERFUL & WEIRD

Dig for High Street's historical roots and you'll discover the Jubilee Clock Tower, the city's first public well, impressive garden beds and trams trundling down Sumner Road – High Street's former name.

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

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