

AUCKLAND WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM



The Auckland War Memorial Museum stands at the top of the hill Commanding an impressive view of the Waitemata harbour. This building replaced earlier buildings construction being completed in 1929. It was a result of a world-wide architectural competition was funded by the Institute of British Architects, a £1,000 sterling prize drew over 70 entries, with Auckland firm Grierson, Aimer and Draffin winning the competition with their neo-classical building reminiscent of Greco-Roman temples. In 1920 the present Domain site was settled on as a home for the museum and in the 1920s after successful fund-raising led by Auckland Mayor Sir James Gunson.

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It is a Greco-Roman style building which links to Greco-Roman civilisation and it commemorates war which is why there is a cenotaph there and now the council is building a Court of Honour. The Greco-Roman features are the columns on the front and the flat roof and it is white stone. This looks good with the green grass that is all around it.

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