

The Near West

A History of Grey Lynn, Arch Hill and Westmere

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COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY OF THREE FASCINATING AUCKLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Auckland neighbourhood of Grey Lynn has near legendary status. Sometimes referred to as 'The People's Republic of Grey Lynn', history is everywhere here despite its recent gentrification.

From the eeling ground of mana whenua and its colonial carve-up into farmland, to the gradual progression of residential development through Victorian and Edwardian times and beyond, early industry, the rough and tumble of left-wing politics, the wave of post war migrants from rural Māori communities and the Pacific, the boho scene of artists, filmmakers, writers, journalists, musicians, the students and the safe haven it has always been for the queer community . . . there is probably no other New Zealand neighbourhood quite as fascinating.

This comprehensive, engaging and richly illustrated history of Grey Lynn and its neighbours Arch Hill and Westmere surveys it all.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tania Mace is an historian and researcher who mostly works in the area of heritage assessments. She has lived in Grey Lynn all her adult life and has been deeply involved in defending the built Edwardian heritage of the neighbourhood from the predations of revised district plans.

SALES POINTS

- A comprehensive history of three fascinating Auckland neighbourhoods
- Highly illustrated
- Of interest to current and past residents and all keen to know what makes these neighbourhoods tick

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