

Historic Wakefield Quay



1 The Anchor Shipping and Foundry Building and Custom House Hotel. The Anchor Shipping and Foundry Co. Ltd was incorporated in 1901 from the earlier companies of Nathaniel Edwards & Co (1857-1880) and The Anchor Steam Shipping Company (1880-1901). The Custom House is the sole survivor of four hotels on Wakefield Quay. Built in 1865, it burned down in 1903 and reopened in 1904.

2 Settlers Memorial. The granite memorial lists the passengers arriving on the early ships to Nelson from 1841 to 1850.

3 The Early Settlers statue by Anthony Stones is one of many art works in this area. (SEE QUAY ART WALK*)

4 The Power House. In 1920 the Nelson City Council decided a hydro-electric scheme was too expensive for a city the size of Nelson. It wasn't until a syndicate of residents bought a steam-power plant which was then offered to the Council at a bargain price, that electricity became a reality for residents. The Power House opened on 17 October 1923 and the power was switched on in the central city that evening. The original site of the Anchor Shipping and Foundry Company was across the road where the Quay Apartments now stand.

5 An interpretative panel **Wave the Red Duster** commemorates the important role of the Merchant Navy in Nelson's development. Troops and supplies were ferried from Port Nelson to join supply ships during World War One and made a significant contribution to the war effort.

6 Sunderland Marine Pier. Each year a Blessing of the Fleet takes place here to remember those lost at sea. The wreck of the *Fifeshire* on what is known now as Fifeshire Rock, highlighted the need to improve the access to the port. A channel, known as "The Cut" was created and divided Haulashore Island from the southern end of the Boulder Bank. The lighthouse was built in 1861-62 and was a welcome beacon for ships for 120 years before being decommissioned in 1982. Today a solar light still shines for the benefit of shore dwellers.

7 The Neptune Memorial is one of many war memorials in Nelson. (SEE THE MEMORIAL TRAIL*)

8 The Nelson Yacht Club was formed in 1857 although yachting regattas were a part of Nelson's Anniversary Day celebrations from February 1843. Today's club buildings are on the site of the saltwater baths, which opened in 1898. The baths were subject to storm damage and eventually demolished in 1909.

9 The Boathouse has been widely used for a range of activities from rowing, Iron Duke Sea Scouts and as a dance hall since being built in 1906. It was restored by a group of shareholders in 1991 and is a popular community facility.

10 A plaque marks Captain Arthur Wakefield's initial landing spot, with others from the discovery party of the New Zealand Company, in November 1841. From here settlers clambered up over the hill, down Washington Valley, and across mudflats to reach Pikiwai, now known as Church Hill, where most would spend their first night in the company's immigration barracks.

This walk was created by the Nelson Historical Society. The society welcomes new members and visitors and meets on the second Monday of the month at the Masonic Hall, Nile Street, 7.30pm. See our page on <http://ketetasman.peoplesnetworknz.info>

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* Downloadable or printed walk guides available.

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Since the arrival of early settlers to Nelson, this stretch of seafront has witnessed the development of both a beautiful city and a prosperous region. This easy walk reveals local history while providing stunning views of Nelson's sheltered harbour.



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