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-  site location
- City Plan Listed:**
-  Heritage Building
-  Heritage Setting
-  Notable Tree
-  Railway Tunnel

**New Zealand Historic Places Trust:**

-  Lyttelton Township Historic Area
-  Historic Places Trust Registered Building
-  brick barrel stormwater drain



**Early Lyttelton history**

- Captain Cook sailed past Lyttelton Harbour and Banks Peninsula in 1770 but did not enter the harbour and thought the peninsula was an island;
- the first Europeans are thought to have visited Lyttelton in the early 1800s and by the mid 1830s whalers were established within the harbour area;
- local Māori traded with the whalers and early settlers at a trading market set up near the present Oxford Street Bridge;
- by 1849 a town plan had been drawn up for Lyttelton that used the street grid layout, typical of colonial plans of the time;
- Lyttelton became the landing point for the first ships bringing settlers for the Canterbury Association in 1850;
- the colonial town and port developed and spread with a variety of architectural styles that utilised local stone and timber.



**New Zealand Historic Places Trust**

- Lyttelton Township Historic Area is a registered Historic Area with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT);
- the registration recognises Lyttelton "as an excellent surviving example of a planned colonial settlement dating from 1849";
- the Historic Area includes the original town grid layout and lists 39 streetscapes and the underground storm water brick barrel drain system in the registration;
- an archaeological authority (consent) is required from NZHPT for work on heritage items such as the brick barrel stormwater drains.



**Site history**

- the Albion Hotel was established at 44 London Street in the 1860s and originally included stables, store and a bowling alley;
- in 1881 the hotel building was extensively rebuilt and extended and eventually an Art Deco façade was added to the building in 1943;
- the Lyttelton Borough Council moved its offices from its original site at 1 Sumner Road to the Albion Hotel building in 1978;
- at the time of the 22 February 2011 earthquake the Albion Building was home to Tunnel Vision Backpackers and Ground Culinary Centre.

