

Hitching Post

The Square, Palmerston North

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City/District Council:	Palmerston North City Council
District Plan Status:	Category 1



Brief History

The hitching post, erected in 1900, is the single remaining example of the many hitching posts erected in and around the Square in the late 19th and early 20th centuries by the Palmerston North Borough Council. Horse-drawn transport remained predominant in Palmerston North for some decades after the turn of the century.

The painted wooden post with ring and bolt attachment has a reversed scalloped decoration on top, and was probably once part of a post and rail fence, as a morticed cavity remains on one face.

Principal Sources:

Pilkington, D, *Palmerston North City Heritage Trail*, Palmerston North, Palmerston North City Council, 1993.
Palmerston North City Library Photograph Collection: Sq 209, 259.