

dilworth terrace

There are many in Auckland that have at some time stopped to admire or have been fascinated or have had a connection with the Dilworth Terrace.

Built in 1899 by the James Dilworth Trust, as rental properties to provide an income stream for the Dilworth School, the eight Victorian Townhouses dominate the North East ridge of Augustus Terrace, with views over the Waitemata, and in 1899 the bay at the bottom of the garden.

Architecturally penned by the Victorian master Thomas Mahoney and erected for the sum of £6,900, the homes started life as city dwellings for the well connected, with the Dilworth Terrace neighbouring some of the grandest homes in Auckland.

As Auckland became more industrialised and with the reclamation of the foreshore, the establishment of the rail sidings and the Auckland Central Railway station, the once charmed environment became engulfed in smoke and soot and fell from grace. In the 50s and 60s many of the Townhouses were converted into multiple flats, with numerous sub leasing, which results were a very colourful band of tenants, with occupations that ranged from Sly grog manufactures,

prostitutes, drugs pushers, pimps and abortionists. So bad was the reputation of the street, very few would venture into the area. Then in the mid 60's with the buildings in a seriously depressed state, the council moved to enforce a demolition order, but for the vision, foresight and passion of a young Architect the Dilworth would not have survived.

His vision was to re-establish these gracious Victorian townhouses and following the original plans, he and his wife set about the slow task of restoration and sympathetic renovation.

In 1982 the first was offered to the market with an asking price of \$350,000, and so the vision became a reality.

The unique city lifestyle that the Dilworth Terrace offers has in recent years attracted purchasers who have assisted their transition through time and as such have once again taken Pride of Place, as one of the most sought after residential address's in this stunning suburb.

Parnell 6 Dilworth Terrace

CIRCA 1899

Très elegant.
A piece of Parnell history.
A rose by any other name.



Proudly atop the North east ridge of Parnell. With views to sigh for.
An English rose with very fine bones. Exuding charm and homely comfort.
Manicured courtyards and private lawned gardens. Simply divine.



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