

BROWN OWL SHOPPING CENTRE

Shops

Brown Owl Bakery
Brown Owl Dairy
Brown Owl Fish Supply
Brown Owl Fisheries
Brown Owl Meats
Brown Owl Post Office
4 Square Foodmarket
Ingrids Hair Design

The Brown Owl Shopping center completion date was advertised as February 1965 with seven (7) shops available.

1984 Brown Owl Shopping Centre



(Reference Upper Hutt Heritage collection Recollect website Brown Owl Shopping Centre Upper Hutt Leader 02 October 1984)

Brown Owl Shipping Centre – A Golden Opportunity – Applications are invited from experienced persons for the leases of seven shops is now under construction at the center of this developing area and due for completion in February 1965. A rare opportunity (no key money required) for those financially able to establish a business and prepared to serve this district of such great potential. Application should be made before 21st October 1964 to Mr Howse agent 20 Burnton Street Lower Hutt phone 696-248, 63-365 (Business) or Mr Ormrod Phone 3573 Upper Hutt.

(Reference Upper Hutt Heritage collection Recollect website Upper Hutt Leader 30 September 1964)

Upper Hutt Leader 18 November 1964

Shops for Lease – Brown Owl Shopping Centre – Applications are invited for 4 Shops of 7 now under construction and due for completion in February 1965. Shops suitable for Ladies Hairdresser, Hardware, Garden Supplies, Drapery, Stationery and Fancy, Cake Kitchen, Delicatessen, Chemist etc. No key money required. A great opportunity in the center of this rapidly developing district. Contact Mr E W Howse Agent 63-365 Business 696-248 Home Lower Hutt .

(Reference Upper Hutt Heritage collection Recollect website Upper Hutt Leader 18 November 1964)

Evening Post newspaper clipping 30 October 1968

Water enters Shopping Centre – Water from the creek overflowed also into the Brown Owl shopping centre about two and a half miles north of Upper Hutt at about 8.30 am. The water was across the footpath and reached just inside the doors. The lawns of the neighbouring Baptist Church were under water but by 9 am the creek level had dropped and flooding receded. Shopkeepers had sandbags around their doors. This is the fourth occasion the creek has flooded the centre which contains about seven shops.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office R20132448 date 1963-1968 Primary Schools Wellington Plateau box 145 record number 7/6 date 1963-1968 Department of Education Central Regional Office Residual Management Unit ABFI W3540 28681)

A – Z Shops

Brown Owl Bakery

In 1984 the Brown Owl Bakery was situated in the Brown Owl shopping centre.

Brown Owl Dairy Limited

The Brown Owl Dairy Limited was once situated in the Brown Owl Shopping center.

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington R15431610 Brown Owl Dairy Limited date 1971-1975 Box 1053 former archives CO-W1 alternative record 1971/27 record number 8893 open access)

Brown Owl Fish Supply

The Brown Owl Fisheries business established perhaps in 1980 but it is not known who the first proprietor was. The shop situated in the Brown Owl shopping centre.

Brown Owl Fisheries are local providers in the takeaway foods category. Established in the 1980 we have 38 years of experience in the Wellington Region. Give us a call today.

(Reference Yellow a true brand website)

Comment – I do not know whether the Brown Owl Fisheries was established in 1980 or the website was established in 1980 but we can confirm that the business was operating in 1984.

(Reference Yellow a true brand website)

I was told that a Mr Jenkins or Mr Jarvis owned the Brown Owl Fisheries shop. It was once the last shop at the end of the building but was relocated to the first shop after the Post Office was closed. I have been unable to confirm if either Mr Jenkins or Mr Jarvis was the proprietor of the Brown Owl Fish and Chip Shop.

There was also a mention of a Mr Lakis at the Brown Owl Fisheries shop. I have been unable to confirm who Mr Lakis but believe he may have been Foundoulakis.

I was also informed that Ari [sic Harry] Foundoulakis a Greek formerly of Clouston Park Fisheries became the proprietor of the Brown Owl Fisheries shop. Harry's real Christian name was Charalambos.

The 1987 Heretaunga Electoral Roll confirmed that Harry Foundoulakis resident at 96 Clouston Park Road was a Shop Proprietor

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

The 1995 Rimutaka Electoral Roll recorded Harry Foundoulakis address 718 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt was a Shop Proprietor

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Harry Foundoulakis Fishmonger 8 Akatarawa Road Upper Hutt 6007

(Reference website centralindex)

On the 10 July 2001 Harry handed Mrs Jacky Hunt her fish and chips parcel and as they were both walking towards the doorway of the shop Harry collapsed. Mrs Hunt's children were sitting in the car waiting for their mother to return with their fish and chips when this all happened. She immediately phoned 111 then began CPR until help arrived then she went home. Later she was informed that Harry had a massive heart attack and died before hitting the ground. The next day Mr Jacky Hunt placed flowers next to the shop.

Charalambos Foundoulakis age 53 businessman died 10 July 2001 and was buried at Akatarawa cemetery plot 401 area plaque 2 denominations Greek Orthodox. Headstone - In loving memory of Charalambos Foundoulakis 24.03.1948 – 10.07.2001 loved husband best friend & soul mate of Barbara cherished and loving dad of Spyridon, Efstratios, Ioannis & Kyriaky. A mighty oak has fallen.

(Reference record ID 11541 Akatarawa cemetery website Upper Hutt City Council)

It is not known who became the proprietor of the Brown Owl Fisheries business after Mr Foundoulakis.

The Brown Owl Fisheries facebook page was established in 09 October 2018.

I do not know if the Brown Owl Fisheries (fish and chip shop) is still operating in the Brown Owl shopping centre in Akatarawa Road.

0- Charalambos (Harry) FOUNDOULAKIS born 24 March 1948 Greece died 10 July 2001 Brown Owl Akatarawa Road Upper Hutt New Zealand married **Barbara (OUNDOULAKIS)**
#Harry FOUNDOULAKIS Endeavour Street Spray painter & Barbara FOUNDOULAKIS Endeavour Street housewife 1975 Miramar Electoral Roll
#Harry FOUNDOULAKIS 12 Wellington Road Spray painter & Barbara FOUNDOULAKIS 12 Wellington Road housewife 1978 Miramar Electoral Roll
#Harry FOUNDOULAKIS 96 Clouston Park Road Shop Proprietor & Barbara FOUNDOULAKIS 96 Clouston Park Road Shop Proprietor 1987 Heretaunga Electoral Roll
#Harry FOUNDOULAKIS 718 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt Shop Proprietor & Barbara FOUNDOULAKIS 718 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt Shop Proprietor 1995 & 1998 Rimutaka Electoral Roll
#Barbara FOUNDOULAKIS 718 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt Shop Proprietor 2001 & 2002 & 2005 & Rimutaka Electoral Roll

0- Mr LAKIS

Comment - I was information that a Mr Lakis was once the proprietor of the Brown Owl Fisheries in Akatarawa Road. I believe that the informant got mixed up between Lakis and Foundoulakis.

0- Mr JENKINS or Mr JARVIS

Comment - I was information that a Mr Jenkins or Mr Jarvis were the proprietor of the Brown Owl Fisheries in Akatarawa Road but I have been unable to locate any connection.

Brown Owl Fisheries (2024)

The Brown Owl Fisheries is situated at 8 Akatarawa Road Brown Owl Upper Hutt and is still open for business in the Brown Owl Shopping Center.

Brown Owl Meats

The Brown Owl Butchery was situated at 8 Akatarawa Road in the Brown Owl shopping center.

Frank MCGREGOR was the owner of the Brown Owl Butchery.

1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- Frank A MCGREGOR 4 Rimu Street Upper Hutt butcher

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)

1966 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- Frank Allen MCGREGOR 4 Rimu Street Upper Hutt butcher

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Roll)

The 1970 Universal Business Directory recorded Brown Owl Butchery 8 Akatarawa Road Akatarawa

Around 1980 Laurie CARSLIE purchased the Brown Owl Butchery business.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 29 November 1993)

September 1984 – 02 October 1984 - Laurie's, Brown Owl Meats Akatarawa Road Brown Owl shopping centre – Mastercut-chain butchery

Laurie CARSLIE owned the Brown Owl butchery for 13 years before selling the business.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 29 November 1993)

Around 1993 Paul BUCKINGHAM took over the Brown Owl Butchery from Laurie CARSLIE.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library heritage collection Upper Hutt Leader 29 November 1993)

Later Denise Edward KEY became the manager of the Brown Owl Butchery.

Laurie CARLYLE [sic] purchased the Brown Owl Butchery but it is not known when.

Laurie was Lawrence CARLISLE who was recorded as a butcher on the Heretaunga Electoral Roll. He retired to Levin.

Brown Owl Post Office

02 August 1965 – Closed

Office name	Opened	Closed	Remarks
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Brown Owl	02 Aug 1965	Open	Post office
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(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R21726989AAMF W3327 909 box 109 a 30/449 Historical files regarding Post Offices Upper Hutt 1909-1987)

A post office at Brown Owl operated from leased premises *** from 05 February 1973. The planned name was to be Akatarawa but this did not eventuate. Prior to the leased premises being occupied postal services were undertaken as an agency in a store. There was an armed robbery at this office on 09 July 1980.

(Reference Post Office Buildings in the Lower North Island by Ivan Clulee – Handbook No 72 – Postal History Society of New Zealand Inc., PO Box 99-673 Newmarket Auckland New Zealand 1149 – ISSN 0113-1079 – ISBN 978-0-908588-79-4 copyright 2009 by the Postal History Society of New Zealand Inc., - A nostalgic journey through the lower North Island of New Zealand from south to north providing an archival record of the many past and now few buildings constructed by the Post Office page 36)

4 Square Foodmarket

In 1984 the 4 Square Foodmarket was situated in the Brown Owl shopping centre.

Ingrids Hair Design

In 1984 Ingrids Hair Design was situated in the Brown Owl shopping centre.
