

# The History and Development of Cuba Street, Wellington

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## 1. What was Cuba Street originally named for?

- A) A Maori chief
- B) A New Zealand Company immigrant ship
- C) A prominent local family
- D) A type of tree

## 2. In what year was Cuba Street originally laid out?

- A) 1879
- B) 1904
- C) 1841
- D) 1878

## 3. What major event in 1879 significantly impacted Cuba Street?

- A) The introduction of trams
- B) A large fire that destroyed almost all buildings
- C) The opening of Cuba Mall
- D) The arrival of the first electric tram

## 4. What change in building practices was influenced by the 1879 fire?

- A) Increased use of stone
- B) A move away from the use of timber in commercial buildings
- C) The adoption of concrete structures
- D) A shift to iron-framed buildings

## 5. In what year did trams first run up and down Cuba Street?

- A) 1841
- B) 1904
- C) 1879
- D) 1878

## 6. Which tram route is mentioned as bringing wealthy shoppers to Cuba Street?

- A) The No. 1 Tram
- B) The No. 4 Tram, Island Bay to Tinakori Road
- C) The No. 2 Tram
- D) The No. 3 Tram

**7. What factor contributed to Cuba Street losing custom in the 20th century?**

- A) A second major fire
- B) The decline of retail shopping
- C) The suburbanisation of Wellington
- D) The closure of Te Aro House

**8. When was Cuba Mall established?**

- A) 1964
- B) 1979
- C) 1969
- D) 1904

**9. What is a characteristic of Cuba Street today, according to the text?**

- A) A streetscape largely changed from the early 20th century
- B) A decline in community spirit
- C) A unique part of Wellington with strong community spirit
- D) Primarily residential buildings

**10. What was Te Aro House originally?**

- A) A tram station
- B) A hotel
- C) A library
- D) A small drapery shop

**11. Who bought the business that became a major drapery and clothing store known as Te Aro House?**

- A) Thomas Turnbull
- B) James Smith
- C) The New Zealand Company
- D) Mr. Victoria

**12. Who designed the second Te Aro House building erected in 1888?**

- A) James Smith
- B) Alexander Turnbull
- C) Thomas Turnbull
- D) Mr. Victoria

**13. Despite modifications, what status does the building that replaced the second Te Aro House hold?**

- A) The newest retail building on Cuba Street
- B) One of the oldest retail buildings in Cuba Street
- C) A former tram depot
- D) A residential apartment complex

**14. In what year did the last tram run on Cuba Street?**

- A) 1969
- B) 1964
- C) 1971
- D) 1959

**15. What was observed when Cuba Street was closed off to vehicular traffic?**

- A) It became less popular with shoppers
- B) It was an attraction to pedestrian shoppers
- C) Traffic congestion increased nearby
- D) Businesses began to close

**16. How many people signed the petition to Council asking for Cuba Street to become a permanent pedestrian mall?**

- A) 500
- B) 5000
- C) 50,000
- D) 5

**17. On what date did Cuba Mall officially open?**

- A) October 14, 1969
- B) October 4, 1969
- C) September 14, 1969
- D) October 14, 1979

**18. What distinction does Cuba Mall hold in New Zealand?**

- A) It was the first shopping mall in Wellington
- B) It was the first street in New Zealand to be developed as a pedestrian mall
- C) It was the first street to have electric trams
- D) It was the first street to be named after an immigrant ship

**19. The image of looking south along Cuba Street from Manners Street in 1900 shows which mode of transport still in operation?**

- A) Electric trams
- B) Motor cars
- C) Horse drawn trams
- D) Steam trains

**20. What prominent feature is visible in the 1900 photograph of Cuba Street?**

- A) The Cuba Mall entrance
- B) The James Smith store
- C) The tower of Te Aro House
- D) The electric tram lines