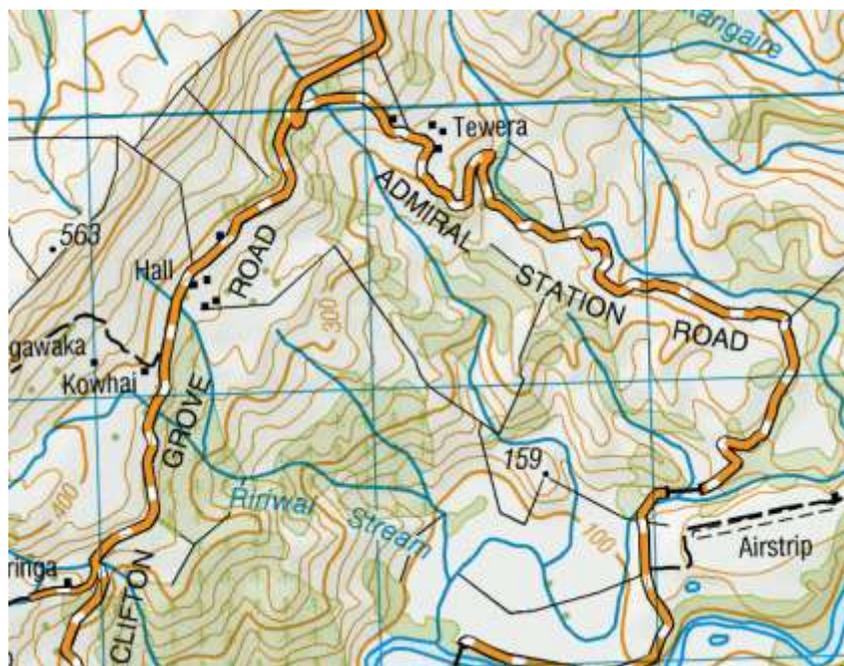


Maungaraki (Admirals Road)

14th Sept 1905 Teacher for Admiral Aided School, 5 children, standards from 3rd to 7th; teach piano; salary £50, "board and residence provided Apply to J. O. Sutherland, Admiral Run, Gladstone

Writing in Tempus Sans is material from National Archives

All other is material from Kevin Fearon's book Gladstone



School was where hall is shown

Building

1948: 360 square feet Transferred from Tablelands at a cost of £1375

Building shifted by AG Cretney Masterton. School and boy's toilets shifted. School previously called Admiral Road

1947

10th December That the letter from J L Wilton on behalf of the settlers be received

That the architect be authorised to visit and report back to the board

1948

28th January That the report of the visit of the ward members and the architect and conference with the settlers of Admiral Road be received

That the letter from Mr I Wilton re fencing and levelling of site be received and the settlers be thanked for their offer to fence the site
That the letter from Mr J Ogilvy agreeing to lease a portion of his land for 21 years with right of renewal at £1.00 per year be received and the offer accepted

16th April The board is establishing a school 9 miles from Gladstone

Letter to Board's Solicitors asking to get the lease signed and settled with the Board having permission to withdraw all buildings from the site at a later date.

16th April Letter from Wellington Education Board to director of Education. At the present time children of the undermentioned families are receiving teaching from an aide appointed by the board. She operates amongst the homes in the district and Boards at Mr. Wilton's

Name	No of Children	Standard	Primer	
Mr Bundell	2	2	2	
His New Manager	2	9 yrs. and 11 yrs.		
Mr Macdonald	1		1	
Mr Hudson	2	2	2	
Mr Wilton	2	1	1	
Mr Cunningham	1		1	
D Cooper	3	Standard 3 and 4	1	
Mr Grant	2		1 & 2	
Mr Joblin	1		1	

I understand that Ogilvy and Mrs Wellwood each have a vacancy for married couples but because there is no school, positions are difficult to fill

The area of the site is roughly 1 acre

8th April Application for school. Gladstone 9 miles away, Te Whiti 14 1/2 miles, Longbush 18.7 miles from site

Mr Ogilvy has 609 acres

Timber is available at Carterton or Masterton, Rimu and Matai Rates as set by Price Tribunal

Site is slight slope, dry below road level

Accommodation available at Wilton's

Signed Mr J L Wilton, Nikau, Gladstone

26th April Note from George Drummond Board architect included Land owned by John Ogilvy Ngawaka

a) As lease was for more than 7 years site may have to be surveyed

b) We will proceed if plan and scheme are necessary

30th April Letter to Director of Education stating that at request of settlers name of school changed to Maungaraki (From Admiral Road)

15th June Lease obtained at £1.00 per year from 1st June with perpetual right of renewal The lease gives the Board the right to remove any buildings at any time and to terminate the lease at any time

From Kevin Fearon's Book Gladstone published 1976

a) Wainuioru Valley taught by their parents under correspondence

b) Negotiations by J Wilton and D J Cooper got Wellington Education Board to open schools

c) Miss Daisy Fenemor was appointed relieving teacher on Monday 22nd March. The lessons were in Mr C O Cooper's woolshed at "Nikau"

- d) Roll of 8
- e) During the shearing season the schoolroom was shifted to Mrs J Wilton's sitting room until after the May Holidays
- f) After the August holidays 4 more pupils enrolled
- g) 4 Men were appointed commissioners until the next round of School Committee elections

1949

- a) During 1949 the school building was moved on the back of Mr Cooper's truck from Tablelands Martinborough.
- b) 13th June the children and their teacher Mr G Donald moved in

1950

- a) Mr Alan M Simmonds was appointed
- b) Alan stayed for over 4 years and during this time the grounds were developed
- c) A good library was built up

1952

- a) A sealed area large enough for a tennis court was built.

1954

- a) 31st March Alan Simmonds leaves Maungaraki to Carterton DHS, where he remained until he resigned after a long stint as Deputy Principal.

- b) Mr I H Wenham was relieving teacher for rest of the term
- c) The teachers had all boarded with parents and the parents transported their children to school
- d) Mr Balfour lived in the Te Whiti School Residence and stayed until the end of the 2nd term of 1955

1955

- a) Mr R L Cameron relieved until the end of the year

1956

3rd February Application for school residence

Authorised by Department on 16th February (*Very Quick*)

6th June Mr C O Cooper Hinana, Gladstone has offered a site free to Board provided all costs are met

- a) Mr I H Wenham took up duties as a permanent teacher

1957

4th June Letter from Mr Hodson asking the Board to hurry up with school residence as School Committee has got the promised land

Reply from Board That the road is actually on Mr Cooper's Property and the house site is partly on the legal road Wairarapa

Further Memo: there is no other site available

25th July The South County Council has no problem in swapping the two pieces of land

1958

By 4th August No house built in spite of copious letters not included between Wellington Education Board, Count and Department

17th November Tender from Renall Bros accepted (6 tenders) for £3787.0.0

October Tenders were called for erection of a teacher residence

1959

- a) Building of the residence started on 9th March and the house was occupied by Mr and Mrs Wenham on the 3rd June. Mr and Mrs Wenham had been living in a cottage on Moetapu
- b) The house was on the opposite side of the road to the school

1961

Letter to Board from John Ogilvy's estate stating that rent hadn't been paid for the last 2 years

9th November Letter from Board stating that the Board only has one school at Gladstone on land owned by the board

They understand there was once a Maori School at Gladstone owned by the Department of Education, Auckland

20th November Letter from Keith and Co accountants Masterton stating school was Maungaraki School

1962

- a) February the school was enlarged by 459 square feet and the classes were held in the Nikau cottage again while work was being done.
- b) December Mr Wenham appointed to Levin North School having completed 7 years at Maungaraki

1963

6th November letter from Public Trust office they can't find a copy of the Lease. Does Wellington Education Board have a copy?

16th August Additions to the school for £1946.19.6 bringing area up to 735 square feet

- a) Mr D Thornley appointed
- b) .Roll 5

1964

- a) To keep the school open School Committee had to find a teacher and on the Wellington Education Board's advice got Miss Ann Orchard who taught for the first term. Miss Orchard came from a well known Marlborough Sounds family
- b) Miss Janet Biggs carried on until May 1965

1965

- a) The roll was declining and consolidation on Gladstone was considered

- b) The Wellington Education Board refused a request for a school bus, as there was no vehicle available. Sand the road was too dangerous.
- c) Mr K Booth taught until the end of 1965

1966

- a) The schoolhouse had been empty for two years until Mr and Mrs Mataira arrived from Northland
- b) Mr Mataira used his own car as a school bus travelling forty miles a day

28th November Inspector's Report included

- a) Roll 15 Mr A R Mataira
- b) This is a vital and happy sole charge school
- c) It is noted that there are few senior pupils so the classification should stay steady
- d) The effort to take the pupils to work with other neighbouring schools, and for swimming lessons has proved very stimulating and should develop further.
- e) The efforts of the teacher are well supported by the cooperative and industrious School Committee
- f) Purchases over recent years have included, a duplicator, motor Mower, a screen for use with the film projector, a bucket pump, a pencil sharpener
- g) Successful stock drives have enabled the parent's association not only to subsidise the payments for pupil transport but also for the purchase of subsidised teaching equipment

- h) Cleaning and ground work is done by the teacher

1967

- a) September Wellington Education Board convened a meeting at Gladstone School to discuss consolidation with Longbush, Te Whit Schools and possibly Maungaraki
- b) November 20th A local meeting approved consolidation on Gladstone
- c) 14th December. Last school function held. Christmas party and pets day
- d) School closed on the 15th December with a roll of 18

At the time of writing (1976) the school is the Maungaraki Hall and run by a social club

1968

- a) The residents have made application for use of the school buildings as a Community Hall
- b) The Maungaraki school residence will be required for a teacher driver but the Board will have no further use for a school

1979

Letter from Mrs Judith Hay to Housing Division Wellington Education Board There is an abandoned school house close by to our new farm

The house is badly neglected and in urgent need of repair. There has been sheep through it etc.

We would be interested in purchasing the property

Reply This property was passed back to the Crown in August 1972

We understand the property was sold about 1973/74