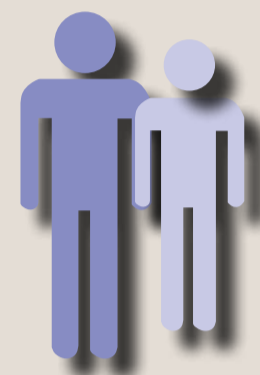


# As we were 1920 to 1929



## District Populations 1920 to 1929

Whakatāne: 4,358

Ōpōtiki: 3,148

## Whakatāne Hospital Leaders

### Board Chair:

1911-1934 Mr A Peebles

### Medical:

1920-1923 Dr JC Wadmore (Mission Hospital)

1923-1928 Dr Cronin (Public Hospital)

1928-1930 Dr JB McMiken (Public Hospital)

### Nursing:

1922-1923 Miss DE Giffney (Mission Hospital)

1923-1938 Miss DE Giffney (Public Hospital)

### Management:

1911-1918 Mr HO Garaway (Mission Hospital)

1918-1921 Mr M Merry (Mission Hospital)

1921-1939 Mr F Prideaux (Public Hospital)

## Ōpōtiki Hospital Leaders

Board Chair: Mr H R Hogg

Management: Mr J T Merry



1923 Whakatāne Hospital opening by The Hon Sir Maui Pomare  
Minister of Health and one of New Zealand's first Māori doctors.



Miss Dora Erin Giffney  
Appointed Matron of the Mission Hospital in 1922 and then from 1923 to 1938 was Matron of the Whakatāne Public Hospital. After her retirement she was elected to the Bay of Plenty Hospital Board and became Deputy Chair in 1950.



Whakatāne Hospital first Nurses' Home opened July 1928



Whakatāne Hospital buildings in 1927

## Timeline

Eastern Bay of Plenty Area



1920-31

1920-31 District Nurse Cameron travelled on horseback to serve from Waimana to Cape Runaway treating the sick. She also founded the Ōpōtiki Women's Health League.



1923

The Whakatāne District Hospital costing £12,435 was opened on Stewart Street on 13 September by The Hon Sir Maui Pomare Minister of Health and one of the first Māori doctors to register in NZ. In 1905 he had instigated training of Māori nurses to work with Māori on health education and infant welfare.



1925

Nucleus of Whakatāne Hospital Library started with £5 allocated for purchase of Medical books.



1927

The Whakatāne Hospital Maternity Annex was opened in May. Miss Lenihan appointed as first Midwife-in-Charge.

1928

The first Whakatāne Hospital Nurses' Home was opened in July.

New Zealand (NZ) and World

1920

ANZAC Day inaugurated.

NZ's first Health Act was established and the Masseurs' (later Physiotherapists') Act passed.

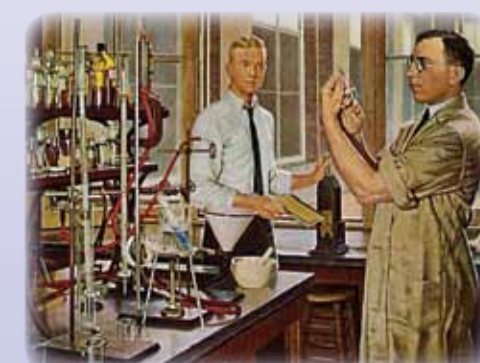


1921

Improved Fowler position hospital bed became available, a hinged bracket could be raised to varying heights to enable the patient's head to be raised. Designed by George Fowler.

1922

Dr Fredrick Banting and his student Charles Best discovered insulin for the treatment of diabetes.



1925

A new National Hospital Policy – provided access to Public Hospital treatment with a scale of fees and free for those unable to pay.

Nurses and Midwives Act established an 18 month Maternity Nurse course and a six month Maternity Nurse course for General trained nurses.

1926

Second poliomyelitis outbreak in NZ.



1928

NZ Postgraduate School for Nurses established (later School of Advanced Nursing Studies).

Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin.