



Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre Redevelopment Fact Sheet



Project Description

The Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre Redevelopment is the second stage of Whakatāne District Council's major Arts and Culture Project, established by the Council in 2009. The first stage of the project was completed in 2012 with the opening of Te kōputu a te whanga a Toi - Whakatāne Library and Exhibition Centre. The second stage of the Arts and Culture project will see the redevelopment of the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre, Boon Street, Whakatāne. The Redevelopment will see the existing building retained and refurbished with an extension into Burgess Park at the southern end of the building, providing a dedicated museum research centre and collection storage facility.

Location

*51-55 Boon Street
Whakatāne*

Architect

*Irving Smith Architects
180 Bridge Street, Nelson*

Key dates

*Physical works commence mid-2017
Public opening mid-2018*

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Sq. m. prior to project

1025m² over two levels

Total additional Sq. m.

460m²

Project Objectives

- *To meet the needs of the community*
- *To enable the delivery of inspiring education programmes and meet the needs of education providers*
- *To share and promote the stories of the past; to honour the past generosity that has built the Museum; and create a sustainable resource for the future today*
- *To ensure the protection and preservation of Museum's regionally and nationally significant collections*
- *To enable greater community access to the Museum's resources and collections*
- *To engage the community through the cultural heritage of the District*

Major New Features

- *Environmentally controlled collection storage areas to ensure the preservation of the Museum's regionally and nationally significant collections*
 - *A dedicated multi-functional education space for the delivery of outreach and education programmes*
 - *A community/public museum research centre with increased access to the Museum's rich resources*
 - *Secure collection viewing areas for families and researchers*
 - *Dedicated work space for staff to process new acquisitions and to undertake treatment of existing collection items*
 - *A lift for increased community access to the facility*
 - *Increased floor levels to provide flood protection*
 - *An earthquake strengthened facility that meets building standards*
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