

Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association

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Upgrading the Melanesian Mission buildings

You will all know the Melanesian Mission stone buildings at Mission Bay. Did you know that these date back to 1859 and are some of the oldest surviving buildings in the country? They are classified as a Category 1 Historic Place, reflecting their heritage value.

Unfortunately they were not built to current building codes (surprise surprise) and are at high risk of damage from earthquakes, fire and general deterioration. So it is time for some restoration work. Heritage NZ, who own the property, are planning a major project to strengthen the building, reduce the fire risk, add a new restaurant building and create a much improved community asset.

We believe there is strong community interest in the Mission buildings and a desire to see that redevelopment is handled well. We have therefore organised a public meeting to allow Heritage NZ to present their proposals and explain what is proposed.

The meeting details are:

Date: Tuesday 24 May
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Venue: Stonehouse restaurant, Mission Bay

Heritage NZ will be attending, along with Lance Herbst (Architect), Jeremy Salmond (Heritage Architect) and Robin Byron (HNZPT Heritage Architect), and they can explain what is involved in strengthening the building, adding an interpretative courtyard to explain the site's history, and adding a new pavilion to house the restaurant. They can also answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be provided.

As the venue has limited space, and to help with catering, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to give us an idea of numbers attending. Just hit reply to this email if you will be attending and let us know how many will be coming.

Tamaki Drive road works

Please note that from this coming week, there will be major roadworks starting on Tamaki Drive in the vicinity of Sage Rd and the Kohi Yacht Club. This is part of the project to upgrade stormwater capability in the area.

An information sheet from Auckland Council outlining the work (including maps) is attached.

In essence, a portion of Tamaki Drive from Sage Rd to the yacht club will be reduced to single lane from around 25th May this week through to the end of August. During this period, temporary traffic lights will be installed to control access to that single lane. While work will be mainly restricted to 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Saturday, the lane closures will be at all times.

A similar lane closure will apply in Melanesia Rd in August and September, and the northern end of Sage Rd will remain closed to through traffic. We understand that work on the the southern end of Sage Rd has been almost completed, and this section will reopen in the next few days.

Regards
Don Stock
Chair, Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association