

**MUSEUM**

Stage: Commencing

Est.Start Date: Jan 2020

Our Estimate: \$51,100,000

Location: Queens Drive Government Gardens, Rotorua

Specification:

- Damage caused by the Nov 2016 earthquake to the Rotorua Museum.
- The result of the detailed seismic assessment (which included invasive testing) assessed most of the building at 15% of the National Building Standard (33% or below is earthquake prone).
- That means the building will need to undergo substantial work before it could open to the public again.
- Assessment of the building by engineers has shown repairs are needed to the roof, there is substantial timber & joint deterioration & there are internal pumice walls which have no steel reinforcement & would be seriously compromised by certain movement.
- Asbestos has been found in the roof & ground & will be removed by experts.

Description:

- Construction contract awarded end Dec 2019 for early contractor involvement (ECI) for earthquake strengthening works & repair of existing Rotorua Museum as per Heritage 1 status building.
- Funding of \$2mill received as part of Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) announcement Jun 2020.
- Comprehensive assessment of the museum has shown it falls well below earthquake safety standards & will need to remain closed for the foreseeable future.
- Secured project funding of \$51.1mill comprises: Council \$15mill; Governments PGF \$15mill; Rotorua Trust \$10mill; Lotteries Significant Project Fund \$6mill; Governments Regional Culture & Heritage Fund \$5mill; Phillip Verry Charitable Foundation \$100K.
- Resource Consent granted Mar 2019.
- Museum is now expected to reopen in 2025 due to structural strengthening concerns which need to be addressed.

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