



Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery Redevelopment

above right: **view from
Tennyson Street**

The Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery will release the concept plan for a redevelopment of its existing Marine Parade site at a public meeting in the Century Theatre tonight.

The redevelopment of the Marine Parade site is a vital factor in achieving the goal of the Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery as a leading destination museum and a key cultural facility for the people of Hawke's Bay.

Mayor Barbara Arnott, who in her role as Chair of the Hawke's Bay Cultural Trust will release the concept plan this evening, says -

I am delighted that at this early stage we have been able to involve the public in the concept drawings of this important project. Our treasures, our history and our stories are important to all of us – it's great that we can move forward together.

Douglas Lloyd Jenkins, Director of the Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery and one of New Zealand's leading architectural writers says -

This is an excellent solution to the problems of the site. One that recognizes the quality and historical importance of both the Louis Hay building and the Natusch/Shatky designed Century Theatre. At the same time the proposed building delivers to the people of Napier and Hawke's Bay something much needed – a significant twenty first century Museum & Art Gallery.



above: **interior**

right: **main entrance & cafe**



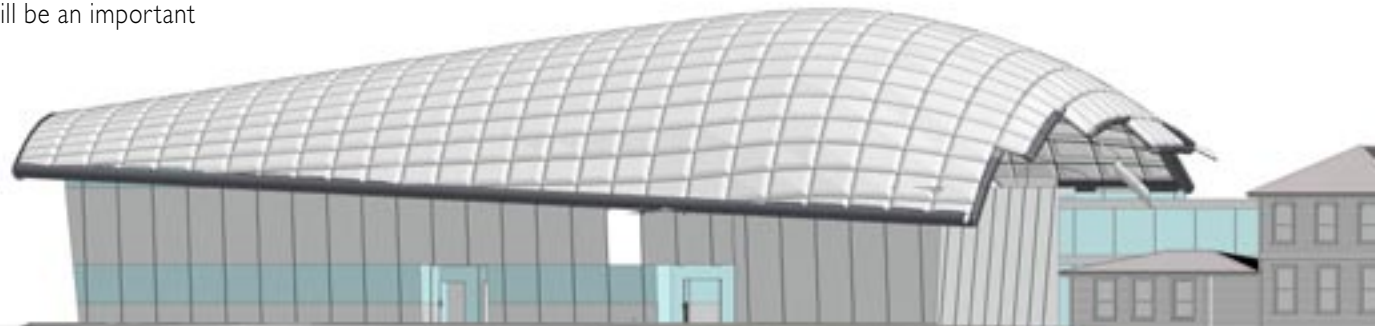
This building will excite the imagination, not only the people of the Hawke's Bay but also international visitors who increasingly see the Museum & Art Gallery as an important destination when visiting the region.

The redeveloped site is the work of Opus and Noel Lane and Associates, who were appointed to the project after a limited architectural competition in 2006. The concept design released today is the result of a years work with the architects and staff of the Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery.

Noel Lane is an award winning architect and was most recently responsible for additions to the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Richard Daniels heads the Napier-based Opus team.

The planned redevelopment of the Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery has been driven by overcrowded collection storage and limited gallery space in which to house and exhibit what is generally seen as one of the country's best museum collections.

That the Hawke's Bay Museum & Art Gallery redevelopment will take place on the site that the organisation has occupied since 1859 is a credit to the foresight of the original city planners. The new building will be an important addition to the city.



above: **Marine Parade elevation**

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