

Waiapu Anglican Centre



The Anglican Diocese of Waiapu is excited to announce that work is underway to re-develop the site at 21 Hastings Street (formerly The Brazen Head pub) to house the offices of the Waiapu Anglican Centre.

The current building has been closed for a few years and is deemed unsafe to occupy. The building will be demolished apart from the Art Deco style front façade. The Diocese Management team has been working with Napier City Council and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to ensure that the heritage value of the building is preserved. The new building will be two storeys, occupying 724 sqm and constructed in a style in keeping with the character of neighbouring properties.

The demolition phase will begin on the 20th of March and will take around four weeks to complete. The construction of the new building will begin around May, with handover anticipated in April 2024.

History of the building

21 Hastings Street was built in 1936, and was the commercial offices of the shipping company, Barry Bros Limited (Est 1880). Initially the company was based in Ahuriri, however with the destruction of their offices in the 1931 Earthquake, they subsequently rebuilt in Hastings Street.

In February 2008, the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees purchased the building plus chattels and leased the building including chattels to be run as an Irish bar. During that period, the Board decided that the Anglican Centre at 2 Bower Street, Napier was no longer fit for purpose and a decision was considered on whether to spend significant money to renovate it or find alternative space to house the Anglican Centre.

Work has continued over the last four to five years to assess the feasibility of redeveloping the building at 21 Hastings Street to become the new Waiapu Anglican Centre. Last year it

was discovered that the building contained concrete cancer and was too expensive to renovate. The plan is now to demolish the building, retaining the original Art Deco façade and build a two story environmentally friendly building.

