

Case For Support

ST PETER'S PRESERVATION AND RENOVATION



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
TAKAPUNA

Vicar:
The Reverend Nathan de Senna

WHO WE ARE



There has been a St Peter's Church in Takapuna since 1883 and the current St Peter's in Killarney Street was built in the 1950's and dedicated in 1962. It is built on part of 3 acres of land that was donated to the Anglican Church by the family of Sir Henry and Lady Brett in 1928. The soaring Bell Tower can be seen for miles and, as such, has been affectionately known by some as '*the Cathedral of the North Shore*'.

St Peter's connects us to the history of Aotearoa New Zealand. This church holds the stories of our families and communities. Two fascinating examples of historic significance within this community are: Hilda Maud Hayward, the first ever New Zealand female camera operator, along with Elaine Kingsford, the first ever woman in New Zealand to be called for jury service in the Supreme Court. There are, of course, other notable parishioners who have all added to the diverse make-up of the St Peter's community.



The heritage-listed church and community hall draw people from both near and afar. Whilst retaining the core function of worship, the church's wide family at St Peter's interacts and provides its facilities for use by a diverse community throughout the week. This is in no small part responsible for why St Peter's has become known as a hub for community activities, being used by numerous groups of all ages and backgrounds.



Examples over time include weddings, baptisms, funerals, and pet services. Community activities comprise youth and fellowship groups, dancing and fitness classes, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, children's cooking programmes and Lakeview Kindergarten holds a long-term lease of the hall basement. Other potential uses of the church and hall facilities are ongoing, including being used as a local Civil Defense Centre for Takapuna.

"I was drawn to the Church by the sound of a choir floating towards the lake. The sound divides into two sectional rehearsals practicing different parts of the same anthem, one group of girls in the Church and another in the adjunct building, both singing varieties of "alleluia". That sentiment of praise and gratitude colours my sense of surroundings." J Milne

[editorial note: Westlake Girls' High School choir practicing].

St Peter's amazing acoustics are enjoyed by congregations and community attendees at concerts, recitals, and other musical events, and even those pedestrians who happen to be walking by have commented on the enjoyment of music.

THE PROJECT

Stage 1 Preserving Heritage



Aerial view showing damage to St Peter's church roof.

As a congregation we are determined to respect the heritage of the church building and ensure it is able to serve future generations of the Takapuna and wider North Shore communities.

As a Category B listed Building of Importance, St Peter's must be managed within requirements of the Auckland City Unitary Plan. This heritage listing means St Peter's has considerable significance to its locality or greater geographic region, making it an essential piece of the community's heritage that must be preserved for future generations.

This means addressing, with urgency, recent seismic assessments that reveal the building is in dire need of strengthening.

In July 2020, the seismic assessment report gave the church a low seismic assessment of, at most, 20% NBS (New Building Standard), meaning it is described as earthquake prone. Our intention is to lift this to 67% NBS. Concurrently, we need to take in hand that the church looks tired, shabby, and the roof leaks. To achieve this in Stage 1 we will urgently focus on Structural Reinforcement (including mezzanine foundations), replacing the roof to make the building watertight, drainage and electrical work. Stage 1 will make St Peter's safer and watertight.

Stage 2 Renovation

Our commitment to rebuilding stems not only from a love of the church and its necessary safety, but also a desire to remain an integral part of Takapuna, and its surrounds. St. Peter's sees this as an exciting opportunity to enhance its relevancy and to be outward facing to its community. To achieve this St Peter's intends to reconfigure its interior to make it more flexible for a variety of worship and to address the ever-increasing need for community activity spaces. We intend to have a mezzanine meeting area, a kitchen hospitality area, offices, and bathrooms.



Damage inside St's Peter's.

EMBRACING THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Meeting All the Needs



As the population of the North Shore continues to grow, Takapuna and the surrounds is becoming a focal point for high-density housing and, with this comes the raised requirement for expanding businesses and facilities. With current growth development across the North Shore, it is anticipated there will be an additional 54% of people living in the area by 2043.

As such the need for affordable community facilities with modern and accessible amenities is becoming ever more pressing.



By renovating the church and reconfiguring its interior, the church can better meet the needs of its congregation and the wider community. This would mean the newly renovated church would become a valuable asset to the community as a whole. It will offer a welcoming, flexible centre for individuals and families alike to come together in a range of ways.

St Peter's has long provided spontaneous acts of support and compassion for the community. A few years ago, for example, following a tragic drowning on Lake Pupuke, the church swiftly made available its facilities as an operations base during the search and rescue exercise. Recently, in the aftermath of a house fire involving a church member, friends of St Peter's rushed to offer the family help including accommodation in the hall.



Artist's impression of what St Peter's will look like.

The church's commitment to addressing social issues and supporting the community will assist in building stronger, more connected, and more resilient communities in Takapuna, and beyond.

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How You Can Help

We estimate the renovation of St Peter's church will cost \$4 million. In order to make this work financially, it will be broken into 2 stages:

- Stage 1 broadly being the seismic strengthening and roof replacement, costing approximately \$3 million.
- Stage 2 being the internal reconfiguration and refurbishment of the building, costing approximately \$1 million.

St Peter's has approximately \$1.8 million in investments, leaving **a total fundraising target of over \$2.2 million over the 2 stages.**

We are now actively fundraising towards this vital project and hope you will join us in the opportunity to generously support this significant project to renovate our heritage building and to continue our vital work in the community.

If you wish to donate, please find the gift, and pledge forms attached. St Peter's Anglican Church is registered with Charities Services as part of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland group.

All donations over \$5 are tax deductible and will be supplied with a tax receipt; please kindly supply your relevant details.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

To discuss the project in more detail
please contact: Louise or Willie

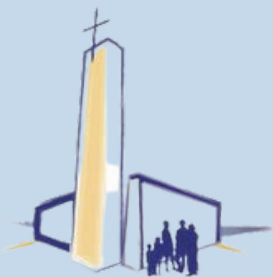
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