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Dear Mr MacDonald,

Thank you for your request for information. While Auckland War Memorial Museum does not fall within the requirements of the Official Information Act, as a public organisation we are more than happy to respond. The works we are currently undertaking began in 2015 in response to a rapidly growing and diversifying city, and will offer the increasing numbers of Aucklanders and visitors to the city who visit us an exciting, modern and revitalised Museum experience.

The renovation programme at the Museum concludes in 2023 and has a total investment of \$82 million.

This includes delivery of

- A new South Atrium entrance and foyer with a new retail store, new café, welcome lounge and Kai room for all our visitors as well as a community space for performances
- A new Special Exhibition Hall with the ability to bring major international exhibitions to Auckland
- A new gallery about the past, present and future stories of Auckland
- A new Learning Base for our school groups and formal learners
- A Southern Pathway in the Domain that provides the first fully accessible route from Maunsell Road
- New walk ways along the Eastern and Western sides of the ground floor which will make it easier for visitors to move around the Museum
- A new gallery which investigates the Human impact on the environment
- Enabling works behind the scenes to make sure all of this is possible while continuing to look after the taonga we have in our care

Constructed in the 1960's, the South Atrium was last updated in 2006.

The gallery spaces were built originally in 1929 or the 1960's and were last modified in the 1990's.

Please, if you would like further information on the projects themselves, this is readily available on our website (<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/your-museum/auckland-museum-transformed>).

Also of interest may be our Five-Year Strategy (<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/your-museum/about-us/five-year-plan>)*We*).

If you do have any other questions, don't hesitate to contact me directly on mmcsweeney@aucklandmuseum.com.

Yours Sincerely,

Megan McSweeney

Director of Marketing, Communications and External Affairs