

BETHANY TRUST UPDATE: OCTOBER 2024

Spring is now with us and Bethany trust is working towards continuing to develop the Raleigh Street facility so that it continues to meet the needs of the Raleigh Street Community. Our goal remains to ***Provide inspiring spaces to bring people closer to God.*** Our work covers a broad range of activities, from ongoing maintenance of the grounds and buildings, the longer-term asset management strategy to keep things in good condition for the future, and upgrades to meet the ever growing and changing needs of our church community.

The current trustees are:

Clark Taylor (Chair), Sheryn Brownlee (Secretary), Paul Gardiner (Treasurer), Rob Heebink, Mark Gardiner, Mike Manion, Hilary Brown and Jason Masters. Kacha Vuleich has just stepped down creating a vacancy that maybe you could fill? Kacha's contribution will be sorely missed, but we know he has something more exciting in mind.

The Trust is Supported by Ministry of Works (MoW). The Ministry of Works is a group of mostly retirees who serve the church with physical tasks like gardening, painting and repairing the church building. You may have noticed that there hasn't been a working bee at church for a while, this is thanks to the Ministry of Works team.

Our current projects include:

22 Raleigh Street: After long term tenancies, this property is tired and requires a major make over. The MoW team has been busy doing tasks such as pulling out the old kitchen and the fireplace, which was no longer working, replacing the bathroom floor, patching up the roof and a lot of other jobs getting this property ready to be tenanted again. We managed to secure a free kitchen from Pay It Forward.



How do you want to transport this Geoff? Ministry of Works (MoW) picking up donated kitchen for 22 Raleigh St.



Ministry of Works – Howard and Mark loading up a trailer to transport donated kitchen to 22 Raleigh St.



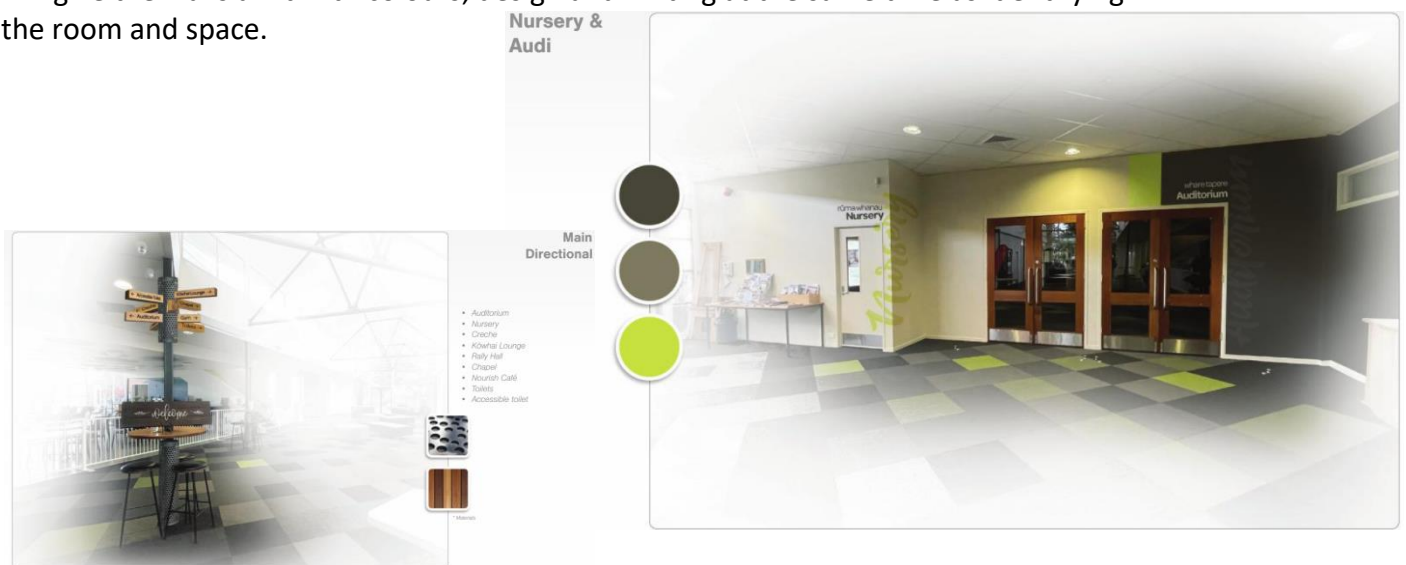
After being tenanted for many years, a tired 22 Raleigh Street is ready for an upgrade.



A few months' worth of work is ahead to get this property ready for tenancy. Thanks to the MoW most of the labour is free.

New Layout for Café Bar and New Coffee Machine: We have put in an order for a new coffee machine, it is due to arrive shortly. The new Havana Machine with options for discounted price coffee beans will fit in well with the coffee drinkers. The work on a new layout of the café bar will commence soon just in time to accommodate this new machine. The new café bar layout is more user friendly and will improve customer interactions.

New Interior Signage: The designs for each of the rooms is complete, we are in the process of finalising the quote and programme a suitable time to get this done. The interior signage will feature the name of each room in Māori as well as in English. This will give the walls a lift with colours, design and writing at the same time as identifying the room and space.



Drone Spraying: A safe way of keeping lichen and moss off the roof, early one Saturday morning a spraying contractor used a drone to spray our church roof. This is an easy and safe way to carry out the work. Thanks to Mark Gardiner for organising this work. We should see the results soon. “Spray and Fly Away”.



Drone spraying of the complex roof

The Concourse Toilet Upgrades: The design of this upgrade is now complete, and the trust is in the process of getting prices from contractors for this work. Bethany Trust have decided to go with an upgrade and not to re-design the whole toilet block to minimise expenses. The new layout will maximise usable space, new flooring, paint and fittings. And the possibility of warm water in the “Gents” toilet, for many years, only cold water was available!

119 Shakespeare St: This property is currently tenanted by CCCNZ as an office. The last update we had MMM crew working on this property. Since then, the property is completed and occupied by CCCNZ.



119 Shakespear St, this property is now an office and is home to CCCNZ.

Bethany House: We have recently renewed our lease with Mana Hapori, valuing our relationship with them. A number of investors support BT by lump sum loaning to us which enabled us to purchase this property. We are requiring a couple more investors to replace those who have needed their investment back. Please talk to one of the trustees or email the secretary if you are able to assist.

Vacancies: We currently have one vacancy to fill and are keen to hear from anyone who's interested. We have 3 year terms, so it is not a life sentence. Our goal is to have a board of trustees that reflects the wider congregation so we would really like to encourage our young adults to consider this unique opportunity to serve. Is God calling you to serve? If you think this may be fit with you contact bethanytrustsecretary@rsc.co.nz

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