



Schedule D - City Hall restoration work - Phase Three - Southern Façade

As one of our city's most iconic heritage buildings, Newcastle City Hall speaks volumes of our proud past and who we are as a city. Opened in 1929, it is one of Newcastle's most prestigious buildings and the heart of historic Civic Precinct.

Newcastle City Council has been undergoing much needed conservation work on the historic structure, with specific concentration on the clock tower. A significant part of this restoration project has been completed and in April 2018 we have seen the main front entrance re open. Throughout the second half of 2018, the western and northern sides of the building will be focused on and vital stone removal and replacement and window refurbishment will take place.

Please see the below Frequently Asked Questions:

What work will be done?

The work is specific to the building façade. Sandstone is being replaced where it has corroded on the building and windows refurbished. Site compounds are in place on Wheeler Place (eastern corner of the building) and appropriate scaffolding is being utilised for contractors to access the building.

How long will the work take?

Expected completion date is late 2019.

When will the works take place?

Building works will take place Monday to Friday 8am - 5pm and Saturdays (8am - 1pm). No building works will be undertaken in the evenings, Sundays and Public Holidays.

What does the building currently look like?

The front façade, facing King Street, now has the majority of scaffolding removed and the new sandstone is visible. The front entry stairs from King Street are now open however the driveway and second-level balcony are still being worked on and are due to open in late 2018. Branded hoardings remain in place on the front of the building to enclose the worksite around the driveway.

Scaffolding has been erected on the back of the building (the north side) and is soon to be erected on the west side (facing Christie Park) in June 2018.

The site compound is located in Wheeler Place but is hidden from the street by 1.8m plywood branded fencing. See below current images (replace image one with picture of front stairs):



Will there be access issues into the building?

For the majority of the remaining work schedule all entrances into the building will be open. At times certain entrances will be closed however alternative entrances will be available and enhanced to offset any impact. For building users information regarding entry closures will be communicated prior.

Will I see scaffolding from the windows in the room I have booked?

Window furnishings will be used to cover any view of scaffolding if applicable.

Will there still be natural light in the room?

This varies depending on which room and date your event has been booked. Please contact your event co-ordinator to discuss these details.

Will parking spaces at the front of the building be affected?

No. On street parking remains the same.

Will there be any work done to the interior of the building?

There will be some minor enhancements to the interior of the building. This work will be timed around existing bookings to ensure minimal impact to clients.