

Railway building makeover gets underway

IT'S full steam ahead for the re-development of Te Kuiti's historic railway buildings.

With the roading renewal phase of the Railway Buildings Revitalisation Project finished, construction has now begun to refurbish the exterior of the Rora St train station.

Waitomo District Council received a \$600,000 Lotteries grant in March towards the works. The area has now been fenced off for Wanganui company DML Builders (2003) Ltd to carry out the facelift which is expected to be completed by October. The council received no local tenders for the job.

Key features of the restoration and renewal work include foundation works, strengthening of the brick chimneys, canopy and brick walls, reproofing, external cladding repairs and painting of the complex.

Waitomo mayor Brian Hanna says the aim of the project, which began in 2011, is to re-invigorate and showcase the town's railway heritage and create a vibrant central hub for the community.

"What is being done right now is work to the footing of the building, structural checks to meet earthquake standards and ensuring there is enough water coming in for fire fighting purposes. It has been a long time coming and it's really exciting now to see the external refurbishment finally begin."

Mr Hanna says the building closest to Te Kuiti i-SITE will house space for community use and historical displays while the other is commercial/retailing space. Although there is currently no plan for the southernmost 'brick building', plans are to relocate the rotunda to Brook Park with a new canopy and colour scheme.

"It's been a long process to get where we are, but with a project like this we wanted to get it right," says Mr Hanna.

"I take my hat off to everyone that has helped get it up and running and in the next year or two the entire community will be able to reap the benefits."



ON TRACK: DML Builders (2003) Ltd foreman Stephen Kite is overseeing the external restoration stage of Waitomo District Council's Railway Buildings Revitalisation Project.

The final revitalisation projects include renewing the plaza along Rora St, and upgrading the interior of the three railway buildings, at a cost of nearly \$2 million, which are expected to take five years to complete.

Sunstrike causes woman to crash

A HAMILTON woman's car plunged 150m down a bank after she was blinded by the sun while driving on Te Anga Rd last week.

The 21-year-old was travelling to Marokopa at 4.30pm on Thursday when she was hit by sunstrike while negotiating a corner.

Otorohanga fire chief Neville King says the car

"flew out into mid-air" and flipped before coming to rest 150m below the road in a paddock.

The woman was able to get out of her car and call emergency services. She was transported by St John paramedics to the Waitomo Domain before being airlifted to Waikato Hospital by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

URGENT SITUATION:

Te Kuiti St John personnel transported a 21-year-old Hamilton woman with multiple serious injuries to Waitomo Domain where she was flown to Waikato Hospital by Westpac Rescue Helicopter on Thursday. PHOTO SUPPLIED



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