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**\$500,000 to Restore Historic Buildings as part of HB MAG  
Redevelopment**

Lottery Environment and Heritage fund have allocated \$500,000 to HB MAG. This funding will be allocated to the restoration of the original Louis Hay buildings.

"The heritage of these original buildings is all important; however the current museum is constrained in size and function and is an obvious product of sandwiching together several buildings on one site' says Mayor Barbara Arnott.

The HB MAG redevelopment will see a new wing added to provide additional gallery spaces as well as the careful integration of the existing historic buildings to make one functional and cohesive space.

"This has required careful design to ensure that each building – the original Louis Hay designed building and entrance, the Guy Natusch designed Century Theatre and the existing galleries – maintains its original integrity" explains HB MAG Director Douglas Lloyd Jenkins.

"The new wing has had to take those historical buildings into account, and Opus Architect Richard Daniels has developed an elegant solution that speaks to Napier's Art Deco lineage and to the history and evolution of the current museum buildings".

The funding is welcomed coming soon after the Government's announcement of the \$6 million which ensured the \$18 million project can now proceed.

The restoration will bring the historical buildings back to the splendor that was the original design – now hidden to a large extent by a blank wall. "Napier people are protective of their heritage and this project has widespread support" Mayor Barbara Arnott said.



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