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TE ORANGANUI BEGINS NEW BUILD WITH WHAKATŌ MAURI

Te Oranganui is excited to move to the next step of its development at 125 Grey Street, with the laying of a mauri stone ahead of the new build.

Whakatō Mauri involves placing a mauri stone into the whenua before the construction of Te Oranganui Trust's hauora hub can commence.

Te Oranganui Mātaiwhetū CEO, Whetūrangi Walsh-Tapiata is extremely proud of this milestone.

"This is a significant moment for Te Oranganui as it enables us to move on with the construction of our buildings. It connects us to the whenua, which for us always has a living life force. We will reflect on the past, be committed to our current reality and look forward with excitement to our future. This will be a place for Te Oranganui Trust, but also a place for our whole community".

125 Grey Street is a two-hectare site positioned at the opposite end of Springvale Park, on the corner of London and Grey Streets. Te Oranganui Trust's construction will progress over the next 18 months.

"The hauora hub will comprise of three buildings, that will enable most of the kaimahi and some of the services to be based on one site. It will ensure that all the work we do is physically connected. One Te Oranganui with many different options for whānau".

Te Oranganui Trust has engaged Wellington-based, award-winning Tennent Brown Architects, to lead the architectural concepts on the new build.

"They have a really good understanding about connecting with our cultural narratives and aspects of these will be incorporated into the design of the buildings. Whakatō Mauri allows Te Oranganui to start with our ground works alongside the current deconstruction of the former St George School building".

The deconstruction will be finished in the later part of June, at which point the Whanganui District Council will hand over the entire site to Te Oranganui Trust in early July.

The construction of Te Oranganui Trust's buildings are expected to be complete by the end of 2027.

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