

Christchurch Art Gallery Construction News

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Key Dates

December 2000

- C Lund & Son Ltd commences work on site

October 2002

- Construction is completed

March 2003

- The Christchurch Art Gallery is opened

Who Can You Contact?



Andrew Macgregor and Kay Carston

For enquiries regarding the contractor's operations please contact C Lund & Son Ltd's representative:

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Kay Carston

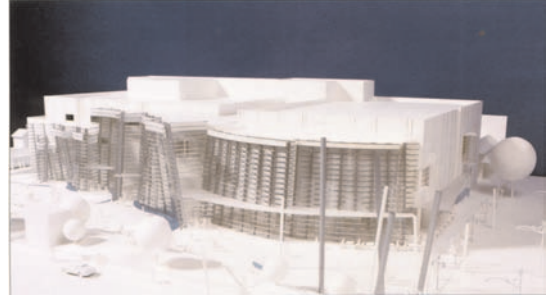
Office hours

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If you would like more copies of this newsletter please contact Kay Carston (details above)

This is the first issue of a newsletter which will be issued regularly during the construction of the Christchurch Art Gallery.

It will be distributed to people who own and/or occupy properties within the immediate vicinity of the new Art Gallery site and to any other interested parties. Its primary aim is to provide timely and accurate information about the construction and details of people you can contact - should you need to do so.



A model of the Christchurch Art Gallery which can be viewed at the Information Pavilion next to the Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Botanic Gardens.

Background

The new Christchurch Art Gallery is the most significant cultural project for the community to be undertaken by the Council in the last 25 years.



Cr Ron Wright assists with the turning of the 'first sod' on site.

The Council purchased the Art Gallery site (Worcester Boulevard, Gloucester and Montreal Streets) in 1996 with the help of a generous grant from the Community Trust.

During 1998 the Carson Group Ltd was appointed Project Manager and a national competition was run for the architectural design of the Art Gallery. This was won by the Buchan Group with a design which features an undulating wall of tinted glass, 75 metres long and 14 metres high.

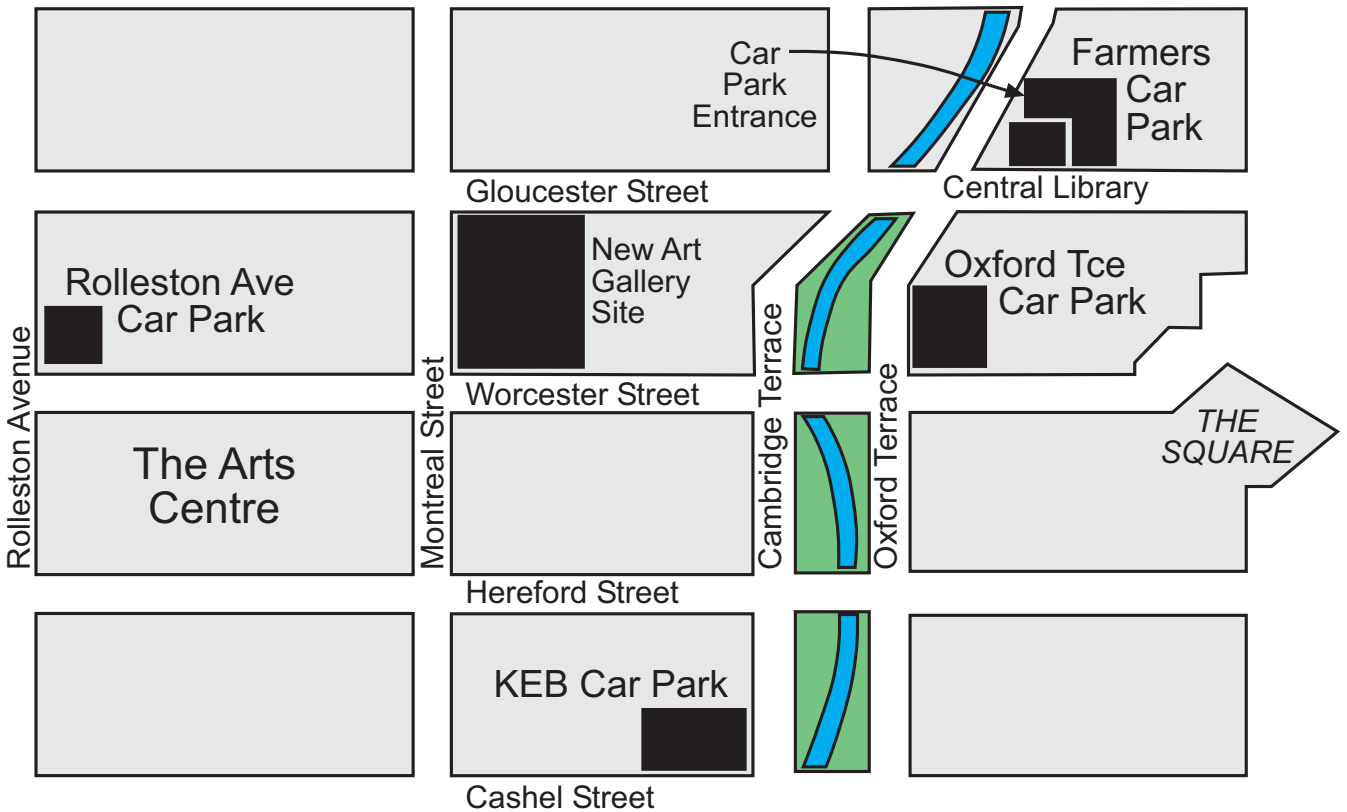
Last month the tender for the construction work was awarded to C Lund & Son Ltd.



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Recommended Alternative Parking Locations



All sites shown are within a two-to-five-minute walk from the Arts Centre.

What's happening over the next couple of months?



Andrew Macgregor, Mark Noonan (Council's Project Co-ordinator) and Cr Wright check plans on site - now a "hard hat area."

The installation of drilled piles will start during December. These are effectively screwed, as opposed to banged, into place with little effect on the surrounding environment.

Excavation of the site will also start in December but with the majority of this work taking place during January. This will mean that there will be regular truck movement into and out of the site. The trucks will be washed to prevent the spreading of mud and dust.

Every effort will be made to keep noise and dust to a minimum.

In early December, C Lund & Son Ltd moved on to the Worcester Boulevard side of the site. Thanks to negotiation with the contractor, the area on the Gloucester Street side will remain available for car parking until Christmas (please see above for recommended alternative parking areas).

A secure solid fence (with peepholes so people will be able to view what's happening) will be built around the site and in January the artwork which was on the perimeter of the site will be mounted on the fence.



Dry September - W A Sutton (From The Collection at The Robert McDougall Art Gallery - one of the works destined for the new Art Gallery)