Pukeahu Park extended

The lawn at the northwestern end of Pukeahu National War Memorial Park fronting Taranaki Street is being widened during the next two months to complete the boundaries planned for the park’s design.

The extended lawn will incorporate part of the recently cleared land which formerly held the 175 Taranaki Street site headquarters and outbuildings of the Memorial Park Alliance.

The cleared land is 70 metres long by 25 metres wide and will be divided into two long rectangular sections. The southern section will be filled so it meets the level of the park and merges with the existing lawn. A retaining wall will separate this new part of the park from the northern section which is to be sold for private development.

The park extension will be completed ahead of Anzac Day, 25 April 2016.

New lawn extension

The southern section of the cleared land is 10 metres wide and will be filled and landscaped through February and March. It will be covered in grassed turf and will slope down to a kerb beside the park wall and Taranaki Street footpath.

At the point where the new land meets the existing park, it will cover a remnant of the brick basement wall from the 1907 Garrison Hall.

Most of the brick wall is already underground where it is supported by the concrete basement wall of the former 175 Taranaki Street building. A section at the eastern end that is a relatively modern addition will be removed.

The brick wall and supporting concrete wall will be wrapped in synthetic geotextile fabric designed to provide drainage and separation for the wall against the compacted soil.

Northern section

The northern section of the cleared land fronts on to Martin Square and the corner with Taranaki Street and has been compacted level with the surrounding streets in preparation for sale and development. It is not part of the park.

Retaining wall

The retaining wall dividing the two levels will be built with textured concrete landscaping blocks and will follow the slope of the park, being 3.5 metres at its tallest point. A 1.8 metre tall timber wall will be built along the top and lighting installed for the safety of park users.
Pukeahu Park extension programme

February - March 2016

- Build retaining wall dividing south and north sections of cleared land
  - Survey, excavate and prepare concrete footings
  - Build wall, add subsoil at the backface of the wall, line inside face with geogrid strengthening mesh, fill and compact south section with gravel – progressively done layer by layer
  - Install ducts for gas and electricity
- Garrison Hall basement wall works
  - Excavate southern side of wall
  - Wrap wall both sides in geotextile fabric (Duraforce AS410)
- Provide surface drainage for new lawn to sump

March - April 2016

- Build concrete kerb for new park edges
- Install irrigation lines, lay topsoil and contour to finished park levels
- Lay grass turf
- Repair footpaths adjoining park and undeveloped section on Taranaki Street and Martin Square
- Build timber fence along top of retaining wall and install lighting

Nearby businesses and residents: What to expect

Trucks: Through the rest of February, March to early April, there will be regular truck visits to the site on the corner of Taranaki Street and Martin Square. Concrete and materials supply trucks will access the site through the gates near where Martin Square meets the Pukeahu Park lane beside Mt Cook School.

Noise, vibration and dust: At intervals through February and March, there will be noisy periods, starting with concrete-breaking this week to remove existing slabs, then periods of compacting soil for the new terraced area.

We expect all works to take place during the daytime:
- Monday to Friday: 6.00am – 6.00pm
- Saturday: 7.00am – 6.00pm

Noisy works: We prefer not to do noisy work on Saturday unless absolutely necessary, in which case such work will start after 8.00am.

We thank you for your patience while the works are underway.

COMPLETION DATE: Mid April, ahead of Anzac Day

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