



Auckland's Civic Administration Building, 5 October 1970. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries. 580-20350 (photographer: P Brennan).

# FACT SHEET

## CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

### A brief history

- The Civic Administration Building on the edge of Auckland's Aotea Square was New Zealand's first skyscraper.
- It was designed in the mid-1950s with construction completed in 1966. It was Auckland's tallest building and went on to become an icon of local government.
- It was designed by Tibor Karl (TK) Donner, a Hungarian emigrant who was appointed Chief Architect of the Auckland City Council 1946-67.
- The building is an example of modernist architecture incorporating what were then innovative building techniques.
- This includes the flexible steel framing and the development of technologies locally – such as aluminium extrusions, neoprene window seals and ceramic acoustic tiles – which extended the range of architectural technologies in New Zealand in the 1960s.
- The building now has Category A heritage status under the Unitary Plan.



# Civic Quarter

- The proposed Civic Quarter is a mixed use development featuring retail, commercial, childcare, hospitality, and accommodation (residential, and hotel).
- The mix of development is yet to be finalised, however, it will be market driven with an intense focus on quality outcomes for those who will ultimately occupy Civic Quarter. Strong demand is expected given the extraordinary location and amenity of the site.
- The people, homes, and businesses that bring Civic Quarter to life will be linked by vibrant laneways throughout the rich fabric of the Quarter. The hotel and the food and beverage offerings will add vitality.
- A commercial building featuring a Whare Tapere performance space will front Aotea Square.
- Shane Cotton, a leading New Zealand born international artist has been engaged to facilitate public art installations that will enrich the strong cultural sense of the Quarter.
- The development is being carried out by Tawera Group, who has an award-winning history of reinventing, reinvigorating and respecting buildings whose original use no longer best fits their location or design.
- Construction is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2017 and be completed by the third quarter of 2020.

