

Methodist Church Insurance Fund

Earthquake Recovery Update

19th August 2011



Demolition of Opawa Hall

This week's update

- Opawa Hall – The demolition of the Opawa Hall is now complete. The carpenter has completed the weather tight works to the Church but there is still some minor carpentry works to be completed on the turret and this will be done next week.
- Richmond Hall – Demolition of the Hall was delayed with the weather conditions but will commence today and will be completed by the end of next week.
- Durham Street - Although demolition and clearing of the site has been delayed due to the snow and the now slushy conditions have made salvage more difficult, the demolition is still well underway and the contractor is taking great care to recover items requested where possible.
- Aldersgate – Once the clearing of the Durham St site is complete the extent of the further damage to Aldersgate can be assessed and the work required to make the building safe can be commenced.

- Ashburton & Christchurch North - The Structural Engineer and Architect are currently working on design details for the repair works.
- Bryndwyr , St John's Church – Once the Structural Engineer's report after re-inspecting the Church is complete, the Engineer and Architect will start on the design details for the repair work.
- New Brighton - The process of tendering is complete for the demolition of the Church, as soon as approval is given for the price the demolition will proceed.
- Minor and Moderately damaged properties - The tender for the properties requiring minor and moderate repairs has been sent out and closes the end of next week. Once the price has been approved by the insurers the work will commence.

Thank you to those who so far have responded to our request for keys and access instructions to the buildings in this group, we await to hear from those who have not yet responded. It is really important for the smooth running of the repair work that the appointed contractor has access to the building concerned without having to arrange appointments or meet keyholders on site, it would be very much appreciated if you could arrange for keys and access instructions. Please contact Jeaninne (details below) if you have any queries.

- Residential properties – EQC Claims, we have two properties in the orange zone and one in the red zone. We will update parishes concerned as soon as we are notified of any changes. We have heard from EQC and have arranged some inspections of residential properties but this is a slow process and we are in contact with EQC putting on pressure to inspect the rest of the residential properties.



Snow Damage – For any Parish that has sustained damage from the snow to any buildings including your parsonages, please can you advise the Connexional Office as soon as possible. Email to jeaninnes@methodist.org.nz or phone Jeaninne on 366 6049 Extn 811.