
Construction begins on new \$40 million Invercargill Hotel

Lauren Semple and Sam Hutchings recently assisted the Invercargill Licencing Trust in obtaining resource consent to construct a new 8 level, four and half star hotel on the corner of Dee and Don Streets in the heart of Invercargill City. The demolition and construction process now underway.

The new building has been designed by Warren and Mahoney and is a nod to the historic built fabric of the area, while providing for a new iconic and forward looking landmark to invite residents and visitors into the inner city.

Along with 80 guest suites, the development includes a restaurant, café, bars and a function room to create a thriving space for both guests and local residents alike to assist in the on-going rejuvenation of Invercargill, helping to achieve a key purpose of the Southland Regional Development Strategy.

Given the historic nature of the Inner City, a key element of the project was ensuring that the overall heritage values of the previous corner building on the site were retained in the wider Invercargill. This was achieved through volunteered resource consent conditions, including the establishment of a public heritage fund to assist with the upkeep of other Invercargill heritage buildings. Also included was a condition that the new hotel name pays homage to the history of the site. A public competition is now underway to choose a name that reflects the heritage of the area. Entries can be made by emailing newhotel@ilt.co.nz or submitting entries via the Invercargill Licencing Trust facebook page.
