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Multi-million dollar makeover transforms Heartland Hotel Marlborough

Heartland Hotel Marlborough is being transformed into a modern, contemporary four star property with a multi-million dollar renovation this winter.

This is the first major refurbishment of the property since it was built in the 1970's and is stage one of the Scenic Hotel Group's on-going development of the 54 room hotel.

Hotel General Manager, Brett Inkster, says the winter project is a real milestone for the Blenheim Hotel.

"This really is an extensive renovation with a carefully considered architectural plan designed to bring the hotel out from the 1970's and into today's world.

"It will bring the hotel up to the standard of our company's Qualmark four and a half star brand which will also allow us to change our name to Scenic Hotel Marlborough."

Work begins at the end of May and includes a complete facelift and paint of the exterior of the existing building, modernisation of the corridors and a full re-fit of every one of the guest rooms.

"The rooms and bathrooms are being stripped back to a shell, re-lined and completely refitted and refurnished. The result will be virtually unrecognisable," says Mr Inkster.

Some of the notable features include the installation of flush ceiling mounted inverter air conditioning units making the property the only fully air-conditioned hotel in the region; 42 inch LCD televisions with lap top plug in capability; desk areas with a fully integrated media hub; mood LED lighting around the bed head and the company's signature New Zealand made wool and down toppers on the beds.

The rooms have been finished in a contemporary palette with subtle references to the seasons of the surrounding wine growing region.

"Both our corporate and leisure guests are going to find the new rooms well suited to their needs and extremely comfortable for long or short stays," says Mr Inkster.

Furniture, soft furnishings and construction services have all been sourced locally as much as possible in line with the company's sustainability policy and guests will be encouraged to do their bit by using the in-room recycling system.

The hotel will continue operating during the renovation with the majority of the work taking place in stages during the quieter months of June and July.

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