

Sleek, modern design for Scenic Hotel Marlborough

A million-dollar refurbishment of Scenic Hotel Marlborough is set to begin in the coming months that will bring the hotel's public areas into line with the recent Qualmark four-star-plus improvement in the hotel's 54 rooms.

General Manager Brett Inkster says more than four million dollars was spent last year completely renovating and refreshing the accommodation wing, "which has received rave reviews.

"It has always been our intention to continue the improvement throughout the hotel, and it's exciting that we now have a start date and plans to work to."

Working closely with New Zealand architects Jasmax, Scenic Hotel Group has confirmed the plans that bring sweeping changes to the hotel entry, Restaurant and Bar, and Conference rooms. "We're looking at bringing the colour, flavour and feel of the amazing Marlborough region into the guest experience," says Mr Inkster. "The design is very much about taking the light, fresh, contemporary feel of our renovated rooms into the rest of the hotel."

The natural flow from the entry to the Bar and Restaurant will be enhanced with new fittings and a new layout. "Upgrading the entire Reception and Lobby area, and introducing beautiful feature glass walls and custom designed flooring will bring the spaces together. We will be bringing a new menu and flavour to our dining options – we will be offering the best in unique local cuisine and a true culinary experience. A further stage will include a fantastic landscaping component to the design which promises lovely new dining and meeting places for our guests and visitors. The street frontage of the hotel will be bright, modern and welcoming."

The renovation and refurbishment will mean an upgrade to almost every area of the hotel. "New furniture, new carpets and fixtures and everything in between we're talking a total transformation. It's incredibly exciting." In keeping with the Scenic Hotel Group commitment to use local products and suppliers, the construction and landscaping work will be done by Marlborough companies, says Mr Inkster. "We have great relationships with our regional suppliers and we're keen to once again tap into the local knowledge and skill base. The transformation of our rooms was completed to an exceptionally high standard and we want to carry the quality craftsmanship and commitment to detail that is displayed in the rest of the hotel."

Renovation of the Reception, Restaurant and Bar is due to begin in early August and is expected to take around three months. During this time, Mr Inkster says the current Conference facilities of the hotel will play a big part in minimising disruption for guests. "To allow construction to all take place in one hit, we're opening a temporary Reception area and Restaurant and Bar in our Conference areas. The Marlborough Room, our largest Conference room, will be transformed into a fabulous Restaurant and Bar. A temporary entrance and Reception will be opened to ensure a smooth, easy flow through the unaffected parts of the hotel. The accommodation wing and rooms will not be impacted by construction at all."

Once the public areas are completed, work will begin on upgrading the Conference facilities with new fittings and furniture and a focus on improving technical the capabilities to accommodate everything from presentations and meetings right through to intimate dinners and weddings.”

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