

## what's going on behind the green wall?

Work is now well underway at the site previously occupied by Bay Village Pharmacy and Shirley's.

Have we all wanted to sneek a peek through those slots placed in the big green wall that currently features in the mainstreet of Blockhouse Bay? It depends how tall your are really. For the "shorties" amongst us - it's nigh on impossible.

So, what is going on behind there? Well, not a great deal that's immediately obvious at this stage, but the good news is that the Bay is to get one of New Zealand's first 'Eco Buildings'.

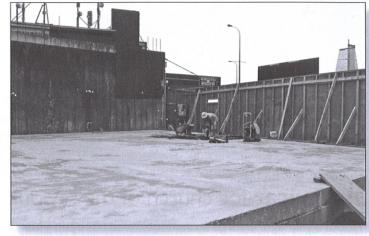
The new building, which will become the National Bank, will be one storey and will feature such eco friendly things as natural lighting and solar panels to cut down on electricity usage. Rain water will be collected in retention tanks and used for nonconsumption purposes, which again helps towards preserving our environment by cutting down on water usage.

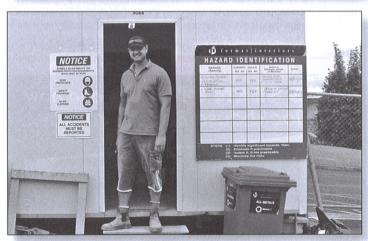
It is intended that car parking will be provided at the rear of the building, along with bicycle parking facilities, and a garden is to be laid at the very rear of the site next to the Kinross Medical Centre.

The existing drive way, which at present is blocked off at the footpath while building is in progress, will be re-opened for use when the project is finished.

Format Interiors are the building firm who have been contracted to put this project together, and foreman Randall Swenneker (pictured right) is often seen in Blockhouse Bay mainstreet attending to business.

Although not guaranteed, it is possible that the opening date could be as early as July this year - watch this space.









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