

Registration of Interest: Lead Builder – Hororātā Hall Project

May 2026



The Hororātā Community Trust (HCT) invites registrations of interest from experienced builders to be considered for the restoration and redevelopment of the historic Hororātā Hall.

Preliminary design is complete and available for viewing. The project will be delivered in stages, with Phase One focused on the new build, currently anticipated to commence in the first half of 2027. Resource consent is in the process of being lodged.

At this stage, HCT is seeking to identify and shortlist up to three builders with the capability, experience, and approach to partner with us on this project. Expressions of Interest will be assessed based on relevant experience, approach to collaboration, delivery capability, and alignment with the community-led nature of the project.

Shortlisted builders will be invited to participate in a formal, structured and transparent tender process. This is likely to be based on a Preliminaries & General (P + G) and margin model for Phase One of the project.

We anticipate a collaborative approach, with the potential for early contractor engagement to support the detailed design and delivery planning.

Information to Include in Your Expression of Interest

- Introduction to your business
- Examples of your relevant commercial building experience
- Examples of any heritage project experience or relevant projects
- A brief statement outlining why you are interested in this project
- An outline of your approach to working on community-led projects, including collaboration with the community, adaptability, and how you would approach working with in-kind product donations

We are particularly interested in builders who:

- Have proven commercial construction experience, with the capability to deliver projects of similar scale and complexity
- Can demonstrate experience working on heritage buildings, or relevant projects requiring a high level of care and attention
- Take a highly collaborative approach, working effectively with the HCT, consultants, and community stakeholders
- Are commercially disciplined and budget conscious, with a track record of delivering value-driven outcomes
- Are open to working within a community-led project model, including engaging constructively with community input and incorporating in-kind materials, while ensuring appropriate planning, quality control, and alignment with programme and budget
- Demonstrate strong communication, leadership, and health and safety practices on site, particularly in environments with multiple stakeholders
- Have the capacity and systems to support early contractor engagement and contribute positively during design development

Meetings with Respondents

Following receipt of expressions of interest, respondents will be invited to attend an individual meeting at the Hall.

This meeting is intended to give both parties the opportunity to gain an early understanding of the project, ask questions, and share initial perspectives and observations.

Timeline

- **May 2026:** Registration of Interest process
- **June 2026:** Shortlist of up to three builders confirmed
- **July 2026:** Tender process with the aim to have a builder engaged before developed design begins
- **First half of 2027:** Anticipated start of Phase One construction

How to Respond

Please submit your Expression of Interest in a short written format, covering the information outlined above.

Submissions do not need to be lengthy — we are looking for clear, relevant information that demonstrates your experience, approach, and alignment with the project. We recommend submissions are no more than 3–4 pages.

Preliminary plans are available on request. Please contact Cindy if you would like these provided ahead of your submission.

To Register Your Interest

Please send your Expression of Interest to:

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By 22 May 2026