

From: TRC Communications
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To: -All TRC Staff
Subject: ALL STAFF UPDATE - Ray Walsh House Remediation

Hi everyone,

It has been a while since the last update on Ray Walsh House, so it is great to be able to finally share some more news with you all.

We know you've all been eagerly awaiting the next steps!

What is happening?

A tender has been awarded this week to local business Rice Construction Group Pty Ltd for the first phase of work to remediate the building. The Office of Public Works within the Department of Regional NSW were selected by Council in September 2022 to project manage the remediation works, and will be working closely with Rice Construction Group.

Phase One works are expected to begin work in mid-July, and the work will take approximately 12 weeks to complete. This will involve completely stripping out the interior of the building below ceiling level. Council is currently in the process of determining the next steps regarding the removal of the asbestos containing material in the ceiling.

Marie Resch is speaking to the media this morning to inform the community of what is happening.

What do I need to know?

We anticipate that the work will commence in the next 7 to 10 days.

There will be no significant traffic disruption as the contractor plans to utilise the TRC loading bays and driveways.

However, the Kable Avenue car park adjacent to the building (where the fleet vehicles used to park) will be closed and fenced off for use for the duration of these works. Pedestrian access to the footpath will remain available. Driveways and parking to neighbouring tenancies will not be impeded. There will also be temporary fencing with shade cloth set up in front of the entrance on Peel Street. This entrance will be locked and will not be used by contractors during the demolition.

What do I need to do?

Staff do not need to take any specific action at this point in time – we are letting you know as general knowledge in case you are approached by the community.

Any specific questions or concerns from staff can be directed to Marie Resch, Chief People Officer at m.resch@tamworth.nsw.gov.au.

If you receive any questions from the community, please direct them to make these enquiries via Council's usual channels. A media release will also be uploaded to the 'Latest News' page on Council's website tomorrow with further details.

We will continue to be in touch with staff as we progress through this process. We will be conducting a workshop with Councillors to discuss options for the future of RWH. Thanks again to everyone for your patience over the past 12 months as the organisation moves through each stage of what has been a challenging process.

Regards,

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