



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

Submission on a Publicly Notified Plan Change to the Whanganui District Plan

Resource Management Act 1991 In accordance with Form 5 - RM (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003

To: Whanganui District Council, PO Box 637, Whanganui

This is a submission on: Plan Change 63 Historic Heritage to the Whanganui District Plan.

Closing Date: 09/02/2025

Date received: 07/02/2025

Submission Reference Number #: 8

Submitter:

Progress Castlecliff

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Attachments:

Progress Castlecliff submission PC63.pdf

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I wish to be heard: Yes

I am willing to present a joint case: Yes

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- **No**

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

- **No**

Submission points

Point 8.1

Section: Appendix A – Heritage Items

Sub-section: General

Provision

General

Support/Oppose/Amend: Amend

Submission

My submission is that the William McAlpine Duncan Building ("The Duncan Pavilion") be added to Appendix A as a Category A heritage item. Listing 321, WDC Chambers (Cat A) 1968, inherits its design and ideas from the Duncan Pavilion - same Architect Eddie Belchambers also Ridgway Chambers, Collegiate School, War Memorial...

Relief sought

- 1) Determination to add The Duncan Pavilion to Schedule A as a Class A heritage item;
- 2) Determination to support any initiative by Progress Castlecliff to list the building with Heritage NZ.



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TO: Whanganui District Council, PO Box 637, Whanganui

Name: (print in full) R. JAMES BARNON (CHAIR - PROGRESS CASTLECLIFFE)

This is a submission on Plan Change No. 63 to the Whanganui District Plan.

Closing Date: 7/2/25

1. (a) I ~~could~~ / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
(b) I ~~am~~ / am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that adversely affects the environment; and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

2. The specific provisions of the proposed plan change that my submission relates to:
(4.5) APPENDIX A - HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEMS

(Use additional pages if required)

3. My submission is that (Please state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have amendments made. Please give your reasons):

THE WILLIAM McALPINE DUNCAN BUILDING ("The Duncan Pavilion")
Be added to APPENDIX A as a category A heritage item.
Listing 321 WDC chambers (cat A) 1968 inherits its design and
ideas from the Duncan Pavilion - same architect Edwin Batchambers
also. Ridgway Chambers, Collegiate School, War Memorial
(Use additional pages if required)

4. I seek the following decision from the Council (Give clear details stating what amendments you wish to see made to the Plan Change, and your reasons):

1.) Determination to add The Duncan Pavilion to schedule A
as a class A heritage item (Use additional pages if required)

2.) Determination to support any initiative by Progress Castlecliff
to list the building with Heritage N.Z.

5. I ~~do~~/~~do not~~ wish to be heard in support of this submission:
6. If others make a similar submission I **would** /~~would not~~ be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing.

7. Address for service:

~~79 Karaka St~~

10 RANGIORA ST

CASTLECLIFF 4501

Signature: 

(Person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission)

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Date: 7/2/25



The previously derelict Ridgway Chambers building has been converted into a gallery space and apartments. Photo / Steve Caudwell

Whanganui's revamped Ridgway Chambers has won a prestigious award for heritage architecture.

The formerly derelict building on the corner of Ridgway St and Drews Ave was bought by Hadleigh Reid in 2018 and converted into a gallery space and apartments designed by Drawing Room Architecture & Design.

Eddie Belchambers and partner (Wilson & Belchambers) are significant and recognised mid-century modernists with much of Belchambers surviving work listed due to its enduring architectural and historical merit. The Duncan Pavilion is no exception to this – anyone familiar with the overarching design of Council Chambers or the War Memorial Theatre for example can easily see the themes both large (circular auditorium and cupola) and small (native wooden panelling and other detail) carried over and developed from The Duncan Pavilion.



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"Ceramic House is one of renowned architect Neville Price's works, recognisable for its unique three-storey dodecagon (12-sided) shape. It was built especially to house a new computer."

The only other remaining mid-century Dodecagon design in NZ was recognised by Auckland Council at a Category A historic listing (September 2024)

There are only 3 known dodecagon buildings in NZ.

- The Duncan Pavilion ~~(1966)~~ (1966)
- Ceramics House Auckland (1969)
- The Round House (2022) featured on Grand Designs NZ.

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