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**To:** [Sarah-Jane Still](#)  
**Cc:** [Iestyn Burke](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Band Rotunda  
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Hi Sarah-Jane,

The Wellington Pavilion (Band Rotunda) project remains active.

### **Wellington Pavilion update:**

All resource consents have been obtained. Building consents for the main structural works have also been obtained. Pre-construction works are complete, and all seismic strengthening works are now complete, ahead of schedule.

We have changed operators from an Auckland-based operator to a Wellington-based operator. This is a stronger local fit for the project and the waterfront location. The new operator is now redesigning the internal hospitality layout with a Melbourne-based design studio. We are waiting on those revised drawings before recommencing the upper-level works at pace.

The downstairs basement spa works have commenced and are progressing separately. Ground-level windows are due to arrive at the end of the month and will be installed upon arrival.

The original opening target included in our proposal was December 2027. We are currently tracking toward opening in February 2027, which remains materially ahead of the original proposal programme.

We had previously been targeting October 2026. That date has moved to February 2027 due to the operator change and associated redesign. This is a controlled design sequencing matter, not a delay against the original proposal timeframe.

We appreciate the site may appear quieter from the outside at present. The project is still progressing, and visible activity will increase once the revised drawings are issued and the next construction phase recommences.

Elected officials are welcome to visit the site and see the progress, hear of the challenges we have overcome in strengthening the works, and enjoy the now waterproof roof top.

For your further information, I am presenting the project to the Oriental Bay Residents Association on the evening of 26 May. I am not sure of the protocol around invitations, but relevant Elected Members may wish to attend. The presentation has been advertised in the OBRA newsletter.

### **Website:**

Our Watson Group website is being rebuilt, it had a number broken links, so we took it offline while designing and developing a new one. That being said, happy to put the old one back up if the elected officials would like :)

Kind regards,

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On Thu, 7 May 2026 at 16:40, Sarah-Jane Still <[Sarah-Jane.Still@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah-Jane.Still@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi s7(2)(a)

Can you please provide a written update on the Band Rotunda, including what work has been completed and what is upcoming.

Our Elected Members have raised some concerns as your website seems to have been taken down and work on the site appears quiet.

We would appreciate getting this as soon as possible so that we can share with our Elected Members

Thanks,  
SJ

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