



In 2008, the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust bought the former air force base in Wellington's Shelly Bay as part of a Treaty of Waitangi settlement. The Trust wanted to redevelop the rather dilapidated World War Two-era officers' mess into a premier function centre and wedding venue to be known as 'The Lodge @ Shelly Bay'.

Mitchbuild® Construction played a major role in this successful renovation. Despite a delay in the start date due to complications with building consents, the Mitchbuild® team and their network of trusted sub-contractors got the job done to the highest standards of workmanship and on time.

Their work on this project included renovating the lounge and function areas, modernising the bar, bringing the commercial kitchen up to standard, installing new accessibility ramps

and toilets, replacing the old boiler with a modern hot water system, full re-painting, installing a new lighting system, complete re-carpeting, general building maintenance, ensuring the building met modern fire safety standards and new signage. The mess was first built in 1944-45 when the base was still used by the navy.

Scott Taylor from Mitchbuild® says it was a privilege to be involved with a project of this importance and size.

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"We helped create an amazing modern venue, one of the very best in the city."

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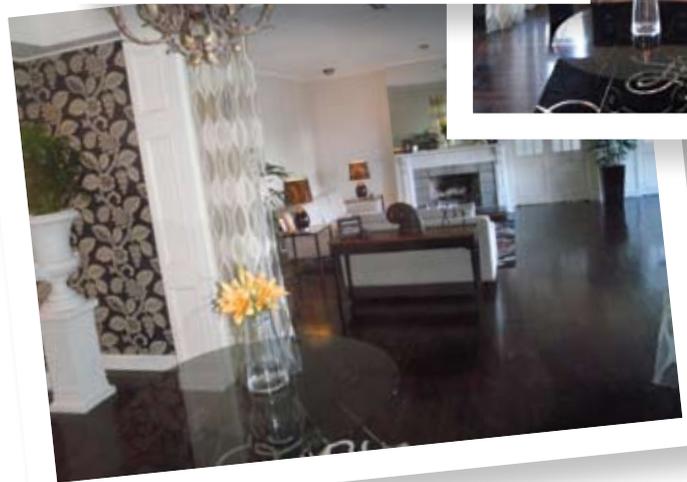
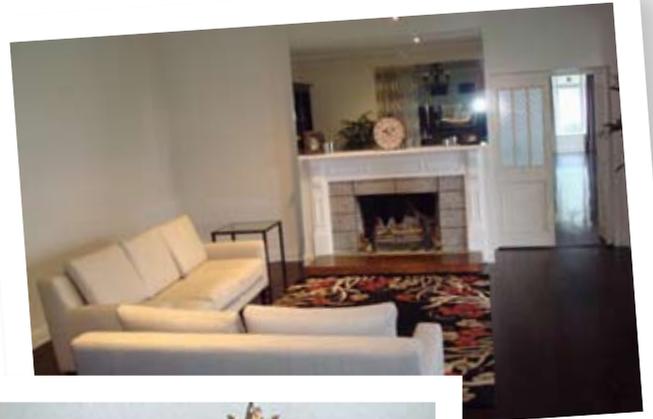
## The Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust said the Mitchbuild® team did an excellent job on an important project.

“The return of the former base to local iwi, Taranaki Whanui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, is a dream fulfilled. The Lodge @ Shelly Bay is an important part of our development process on the site.

We are very satisfied with the work done by Mitchbuild®. They were dedicated, professional and had an eye for detail.”

Mitchbuild® was selected for this sizable project after impressing Trust members with an earlier high quality commercial bathroom fit out for the Pipitea Marae. This in itself was a big job with a really tight deadline. As Scott said, “When the Prime Minister is attending an event at the Marae, the bathrooms really need to be done on time!” They were and the strong working relationship between the Trust and Mitchbuild® continues to grow.

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