

## Weekly Update 13

Saturday 7 January 2023



### **20,000 screws later**

The roof project is now proceeding apace. The carpentry team worked every day except statutory holidays during the Christmas/New Year period. Twenty thousand specialised stainless-steel screws have been applied to the sarking and purlins, as part of the strengthening of the roof structure. Rotten timber, which was confined almost entirely to the non-structural sarking of the eaves, has been replaced by kauri recycled from elsewhere on the job.

We currently expect half the roof will be ready for the roofers by the end of next week. The other half will be ready a week after that. Strengthening of the connections between the roof and the wall of the main body of the church can proceed without hindering the roofer because that part of the job will be accessed from below after the top two weatherboards have been removed.

Whether the roofer is ready to start in mid-January and how soon the team finishes depends on the availability of skilled staff. They were redeployed to other work because our job was delayed a month during the scaffolding phase. We will update our completion-date estimate when the roofer meets the builder, architect and the writer at a Tuesday meeting on-site. This will affect whether the church is available for weddings, which have been scheduled for April.

The good news is that our redesigned seismic strengthening work hasn't increased the cost of the job.

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