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# Apartment Views

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## Chews Lane Apartments set new benchmark in City

Described by some as "urban renewal at its finest" The Chews Lane Precinct will have a major impact on the shape and style of the heart of inner city Wellington.

Conceived by the team at Willis Bond & Co and brought to life by award-winning Athfield Architects, this precinct is a mix of retail, comprising galleries, cafés and branded fashion outlets, complemented by a modern office tower. The lane itself will be a key link between the city and the waterfront.

### Quality Throughout

The apartments are a perfect fit to the mix, adding the finishing touch to this \$140 million development. Chews Lane Apartments will set a new benchmark for inner city living. Meticulous attention to detail has gone into the planning and construction of each aspect of the building – nothing has been left to chance. Flexible living spaces, extensive use of glass to maximise sunlight, as well as the things you can't see, such as good quality acoustic insulation, have all been planned and executed with the resident in mind. Chews Lane Apartments provide spectacular harbour and city views.

A range of two and three bedroom residences are available.

### Your chance to be part of this renaissance

Towering high above Chews Lane, the apartments occupy levels eight to nineteen. Below, some of New Zealand's leading firms will occupy the modern office spaces while at street level, the retail precinct is reminiscent of Little Collins Street in Melbourne.

Cafés, galleries, restaurants, bars and theatres are all within a stroll of your apartment.

Chews Lane Precinct incorporates several heritage-listed buildings and the redevelopment has created an eclectic mix of styles. Edwardian, Art Deco and modernism combine to enhance the creative spirit of Wellington.

From the stylish entry foyer, to the amenities such as a fully-equipped gymnasium, a twelve seat theatre and an abundance of secure off-street parking, this is the perfect place to call home.

If you work in the city you'll only have a short stroll to your office – meaning an end to rush hour traffic and commuting to the suburbs and more time for the important things.



### The Development Team

A spokesman for the Chews Lane project commented that "the team of professionals assembled for the Chews Lane project is galvanised by a passion for Wellington and an intimate appreciation of the historical and civic significance of the Precinct.

The group is committed to the highest standards of integrity in all aspects of the project - fiscal, environmental and social."

**Architects:** Athfield Architects Limited is an integral part of the fabric of Wellington, epitomised by the sheer genius of the Wellington City Library.

**Building Contractors:** LT McGuinness Limited is a third generation family firm founded in 1957, with a reputation for high quality workmanship. Residential

projects have included the refurbishment of the Prime Minister's official residence through to high quality Oriental Bay apartments.

**Engineers:** Dunning Thornton Consultants Limited has been responsible for some of the most innovative engineering projects in Wellington, perhaps none more demanding than the relocation of the waterfront Museum Hotel.

**Principal:** Willis Bond & Co Limited is a Wellington-based investment bank that specialises in large scale, high quality redevelopment projects. Recent projects in Wellington include the renovation of Shed 22, NZX Centre which included seven penthouse apartments and the former Free Ambulance Building.

## Stage one sold out

When the first stage of Chews Lane Apartments went on sale last month it completely sold out within 3 days. A spokesman said that the response to the apartments can be put down to a number of factors, principally that the Chews Lane Apartments are the first purpose-built apartment block in the absolute city centre to offer such quality and size.

The focus has been on providing fantastic inner-city apartments with good stud heights, great acoustic engineering, a high quality finish and very easy entry access. Those that missed out on stage one still have an opportunity to buy one of these apartments. A further 5 floors are still to be released in stage 2.

Registration of interest for stage 2 is being taken now.

Chews Lane Apartments are marketed through RE/MAX Leaders Brandon Street branch where enquires can be directed.

## Central Wellington – Sales Snapshot

According to the latest statistics recorded by The Real Estate Institute of NZ, Wellington Central property prices have maintained their recent levels with the median sale price for a property recorded at \$390,500 in September. The median sale price recorded for the corresponding month in 2005 was \$385,000. In total, 74 properties sold during the month; exactly the same figure as recorded for the previous month.



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