



East Stand demolition next stage in \$50m Yarrow Stadium revamp

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Demolition has started on the East Stand at Yarrow Stadium.

Demolition of Yarrow Stadium's East Stand is well under way, marking the next stage in redeveloping Taranaki's premier rugby arena into a multi-use event centre costing \$50m.

Christchurch firm Ceres NZ Ltd has this week begun removing the roof and seating area from the stand, which will be rebuilt closer to the field.

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The stand is being turned into rubble.

Concrete waste from the stand is being cut and crushed and taken to a local site for recycling.

The decision to rebuild the stand was based on poor ground conditions, the integration of the old grandstand structure, and insufficient foundation strength, the Taranaki Regional Council said.

Demolition is expected to be completed by October and construction of a new stand completed by 2024.

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A replacement stand is expected to open in 2024.

The stadium is being redeveloped after both the East and West Stands were declared earthquake prone in 2017.

The West Stand opposite is being repaired and is expected to be completed by 2022 in time for first class rugby to return to the ground for the first time since 2018.

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The East Stand is coming down piece by piece.

Taranaki Rugby Union chief executive Laurence Corlett said while it was disappointing to see the East Stand being demolished, it also created excitement among rugby supporters how the new stadium development would look when completed.

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