

MEDIA RELEASE

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Pulley building on High Street closed

The Pulley Building on High Street closed last night following its assessment as a dangerous building.

An initial assessment of the building last Tuesday raised concerns that required further evaluation. During a detailed engineering assessment on Monday which was undertaken by Council contracted engineers and an engineer representing one of the businesses based in the Pulley Building, significant structural defects were identified and a unanimous decision was made to close the building.

Five businesses are affected by the closure including the four businesses located in the Pulley Building – Jaks Rangiora, Farm to Farm Tours, Rangiora House of Travel, Rangiora Dental Centre and neighbouring business Postie Plus.

Jaks Rangiora is relocating to a space above Coffee Culture on the corner of Victoria and High Streets, Farm to Farm Tours is moving in with Compass FM on level one of the Manchester Unity Building at 77-83 High Street and House of Travel has moved into Gables Arcade on High Street.

Rangiora Dental Centre is currently looking at options for temporary business accommodation in the short-term so it

can continue to meet its clients' needs and is committed to staying in Rangiora in the long-term. Postie Plus is actively looking for premises but shoppers can purchase goods online in the interim, or at the nearest branch in Northwood Supercentre.

Jaks Rangiora Owner and Operator Karina Skerten says that while she is disappointed about the relocation, she has been overwhelmed with support from local businesses and residents and knows that public safety must come first. "Obviously we would never want to put customers or our staff at risk and we know that Council's closure of this building is the right thing to do."

Council says vehicles can still turn right onto High Street from Victoria Street and is encouraging pedestrians to use the pedestrian crossings across from Gables Arcade and Coffee Culture.

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