

Getting some practice for carrying food? Mary Allison (left) and Jillian Kissick pause for a light-hearted break during work to convert New Plymouth's old Salvation Army Citadel into an all-night cafe.

The renovated building, on the corner of Brougham and Powderham streets, will also include two shops.

Renovations are expected to be completed shortly and it is hoped the cafe will open in about six weeks.

The building was bought two years ago by Noremac Properties, which is leasing it out to

Miss Allison and Miss Kissick.

Upstairs, above the cafe, there will be a clothes design shop called Black Cat. The other part of the building to be used for retailing has yet to be leased.

Miss Allison said the cafe would seat about 60 people.

It would be modelled on the popular late-night cafes which have sprung up in Auckland over the last couple of years. It would be open for lunch and be a BYO, although she hoped eventually to get a full licence.

They were also keen to have live entertainment in on some nights.

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Ninety BMW 800cc motorcycles will be bought for New Zealand traffic officers in a move to settle worries about handling problems.

Transport Minister Mr Prebble announced the purchase today.

"The advantage of these bikes is that they do not have the stability problems that the ministry has found in some other motorcycles and, being a touring bike, they can carry the extra equipment required for traffic officers," he

According to the ministry's report to the Government, the BMWs — which carry an \$11,000 retail price tag — are ideal for traffic work.

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