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### A piece of NZ Heritage hits the market

5 August 2014

Elliott House - the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' (RACS) national office for almost 25 years has been listed for sale.

Elliott House on Kent Terrace, Wellington has been used as the College's New Zealand headquarters since 1990.

It was designed in 1913 by notable NZ architect William Gray Young who was also President of the NZ College of Architects in the 1930s.

Gray was also responsible for designing such buildings as Knox College in Dunedin and Turnbull House in Wellington and had designed Elliott House for well-known surgeon Sir James Elliott.

Sir James occupied the building as his home, consulting practice and surgery until selling the property in 1960.

The Georgian-inspired building is registered as a Category One Historic Place by the Historic Places Trust, with 'special or outstanding historical or cultural significance or value.'

It was purchased by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1990 and functioned as the identifiable New Zealand home of the College and the NZ National Board for the next 24 years.

As College's direction has been to divest itself of properties and ensure where possible, staffs are located in modern, fit for purpose buildings, the decision was taken to sell Elliott House.

The College has also sold properties in Queensland and New South Wales.

The College says that while it is sad to lose such an iconic and readily identifiable landmark, the organisation is much stronger than a collection of bricks and mortar; and the efficiency, philosophy and status of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons will continue to grow in New Zealand as it searches for new and modern, long-term accommodation.

RACS is New Zealand and Australia's peak organisation and leading advocate for surgical standards and surgical education.

The College is a not-for-profit organisation that trains, educates and advocates on behalf of almost 7,300 surgeons and 1300 Trainees across New Zealand and Australia.

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The College represents nine specialties of surgery being: Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology head-and-neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

**Additional Information:** *The tender process for the sale of Elliott House closes 4 September and further information can be obtained from the designated agents: Paul Hastings & Co Limited*  
[www.paulhastings.co.nz](http://www.paulhastings.co.nz)



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