

2026 Entry Guide

SHOWCASE YOUR OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION TEAM AND THE PROJECTS THEY BROUGHT TO LIFE







WELCOME

TO THE 2026 NEW ZEALAND COMMERCIAL PROJECT AWARDS

This prestigious awards programme sets the benchmark for commercial construction in New Zealand and celebrates collaboration and innovation across the building industry.

What sets these awards apart is that they focus on recognising the contribution of the whole project team, the people who brought these amazing projects to life, rather than just the building itself.

Every year we are impressed by the scope, calibre and innovation of the projects entered. The entries reflect the scale and diversity of commercial construction work being done across the country and show the industry has much to be proud of.

We are looking forward to seeing what our industry's exceptional teams have achieved and to celebrating these achievements in the 2026 New Zealand Commercial Project Awards.

Ankit Sharma

Chief Executive Officer

Master Builders

Darrell Trigg Chairman

New Zealand Commercial Project Awards

ENTRIES OPEN



NEW IN 2026





- To celebrate, recognise, and thank the team who made your project happen. This includes everyone from the building owners, architects, designers, engineers, quantity surveyors through to the contractors themselves.
- Showcase your project team's capability and quality of work to potential clients, the industry, and beyond.
- Network and celebrate with the wider industry at the Awards Gala – an evening not to be missed.
- There are awards to suit all teams and projects no matter what the budget or size.

Let's celebrate the collaboration and innovation of the entire project team.

CELEBRATE THE STARS IN YOUR TEAM

EXPOSURE

The awards are supported by a comprehensive promotional programme including media and PR, advertising, social media, editorials and features on the Commercial Project Awards website: commercialprojectawards.co.nz.

IN THE MEDIA

There were over **2.5 million opportunities** for people to hear about the 2025 Commercial Project Awards in the news.

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

More than **462,000 people** saw the 2025 Commercial Project Awards on our social media channels.





OUR SPONSORS

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HEALTH PROJECT



ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE AWARD



Your Building Partner

COMMERCIAL PROJECT



RESIDENTIAL PROJECT



EDUCATION PROJECT

SHOW YOUR PRIDE IN YOUR PROJECT

The awards are based on the collaboration of the project team. innovation, quality and how you overcome the challenges of the project together. It is not about the size of the project or the budget.

🗘 PLAN

ENTRIES OPEN ON FRIDAY 15 AUGUST 2025.



It's time to start planning your entry and talking to the wider project team.

These awards are open to all NZ based commercial construction project partners including: contractors, architects, building owners, engineers and quantity survevors etc. You do not need to be a member of Master Builders to enter.

Got questions about the competition or a potential entry? Call or email us. We're always happy to help.

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Entries must not have been completed earlier than 31 October 2023 and must have a Certificate of Practical **Completion** before entries close on 31 October 2025.

± SUBMIT

ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025.



Enter at commercialprojectawards.co.nz

Each entry must include the construction company, the owner and the designer and we encourage you to include other team members such as engineers, quantity surveyors, etc.

The Commercial Project Awards are all about celebrating the collective efforts of our building professionals.

ENTRY FEES

Projects under \$3 million in contract value:

\$1280 + GST per entry, includes professional photography fee.

Projects over \$3 million in contract value:

\$1800 + GST per entry, includes professional photography fee.

Entries into the Infrastructure Category - no charge for 2026.

Multi entry discount: For all third and subsequent entries a 15% discount will be applied.

IMPRESS

JUDGING TAKES PLACE FROM **FEBRUARY 2026 TO APRIL 2026.**



They'll be looking at the collaboration, quality, and innovation of your project there will also be interviews with the team so you can demonstrate how you worked together to deliver an amazing result.

All entries are judged by a panel of two experienced construction industry judges. Judging includes a site visit and an interview with team members.





TEAMWORK



QUALITY



INNOVATION



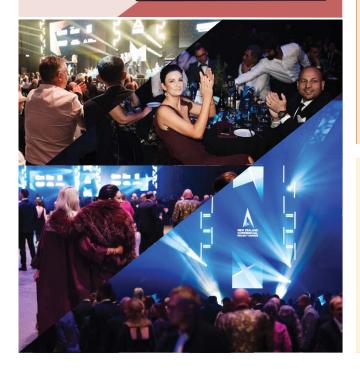
CELEBRATE

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

After judging, you can sit back and relax until it's time to get the team together on 15 May 2026 at the Viaduct Events Centre in Auckland to celebrate your project. We will touch base closer to the time with all the evening's information and how to purchase tickets.

It's a great opportunity to meet up and celebrate with the industry.

PLATINUM AWARD



PROMOTE

DISPLAY YOUR QUALITY MARKS AND TELL THE WORLD ABOUT YOUR SUCCESS. WE WILL BE!

And of course, start thinking about your entries for 2027...























TO FIND OUT MORE

To find out more information about the awards, and the entry and judging process, visit: commercialprojectawards.co.nz or contact:

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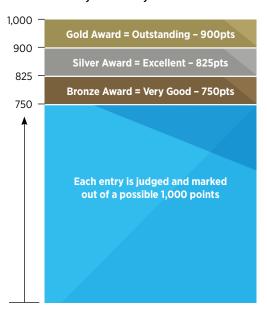
QUALITY MARKS

The New Zealand Commercial Project Awards are an exciting opportunity for you to promote your business, celebrate the work of your team and grow your profile.

The quality marks are only available to the named members of the project team for use on promotional and marketing material. They are a tangible stamp you can use to demonstrate the high quality of your work and your status as an award winner. So don't forget to list everyone when you are entering your project, as we don't want anyone to miss out.

Use this in promotional material, company publications, brochures or websites.

GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE





SUPREME AWARD

Two Supreme Awards are awarded: one to the highest points scoring project with a project value under \$10 million, and one to the highest points scoring project with a project value over \$10 million.



PLATINUM AWARD

Awarded to an entrant who has won five or more national titles. Platinum is awarded to an organisation only once, being the highest accolade that can be achieved in the New Zealand Commercial Project Awards.



GOLD

Awarded to entries that achieve at least 90% of the points available.



SILVER

Awarded to entries that achieve at least 82.5% of the points available.



BRONZE

Awarded to entries that achieve at least 75% of the points available.



NATIONAL CATEGORY AWARD

Awarded to the highest points scoring entrant in each category provided they have received a Gold Award.



VALUE AWARD

Awarded to the entry that achieves the highest points score in each value range category.



ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE AWARD

Awarded at the judges' discretion for a project design with exceptional environmental features.



BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING AWARD

Awarded at the judges' discretion for use of technology that aims to shape the industry towards a more efficient and sustainable era.



INNOVATION AWARD

Awarded at the judges' discretion for a project that has taken an innovative approach. Innovation could be in the field of process, design, construction, materials or technology.



SPECIAL AWARD

Awarded at the judges' discretion to an outstanding project or element of a project that they feel is worthy of recognition.

AROUND THE REGIONS

2025 saw a number of winners from small towns across the motu – showing that there are plenty of high quality commercial projects happening outside the main centres. Here are a few examples:

1. SWIFT - MANULIFE Cullen Keiser Architecture

Silver Award

2. NGĀ AWA BLOCK | TAIHAPE AMENITIES BUILDING W & W Construction Silver Award

3. FEILDING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Alexander Construction Central Gold Award

4. URLAR WINERY REDEVELOPMENT DLA Architects

OLA Architects Gold Award

5. THE RUNHOLDER - TE KAIRANGA WINERY

Holmes Construction Silver Award

6. GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL REBUILD

Naylor Love Canterbury Special Award and Gold Award

7. TE ĀWHINA MARAE-PAPAKĀINGA

Scott Construction
Gold Award

8. DOLOMITE POINT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Naylor Love Canterbury Special Award and Gold Award

9. STORAGE OPTIONS RAVENSWOOD

Carmody Construction Bronze Award

10. TEMUKA COURTHOUSE MUSEUM Timaru Construction

Commercial Project under \$1 million and Gold Award

9. Woodend

8. Punakaiki

10. & 11. Temuka

12. Arrowtown

13. Lake Dunstan

14. Alexandra

1. ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TEMUKA

David Fridd Building Heritage and Restoration Project Award and Gold Award

12. 22 WILTSHIRE STREET

6. Tākaka

Motueka

Naylor Love Central Otago Gold Award

13. SCAPEGRACE DISTILLERY

Breen Construction
Supreme Award under \$10 million,
Commercial Project \$3-\$10 million and Gold Award

1. Tokoroa

2. Taihape

3. Feilding

4. Carterton

5. Martinborough

14. HEALTH CENTRAL ALEXANDRA

Breen Construction Gold Award



NEW FOR 2026

INFRASTRUCTURE CATEGORY

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW CATEGORY FOR THE NEW ZEALAND COMMERCIAL PROJECT AWARDS: THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AWARD.

This is your chance to celebrate the projects that keep Aotearoa moving—covering transport, utilities, and public works.

This award celebrates projects that support the physical systems enabling the production and delivery of goods and services — with a focus on horizontal construction. This includes the development, repair, renovation or alteration of transport networks (roads, railways, ports, waterways), utilities (power, gas, water, telecommunications), and public works (dams, canals, irrigation systems).

The Master Builders Commercial Project Award for Infrastructure goes beyond technical excellence, recognising the collaboration, innovation, artistry, functionality, and teamwork involved in delivering complex infrastructure.

To celebrate this new category, entries into the Infrastructure Project are free for 2026.



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CATEGORIES

Entrants choose which category their project will be entered into. Where a building project could be considered for one or more categories, the Awards Management Team will work with the entrant on deciding the most appropriate category. All entrants are automatically considered for the Value Awards, Special Award, Environmental and Sustainable Award, and BIM Award.



Major commercial developments in the residential sector, whether apartment buildings, retirement villages, or multi-dwelling developments including repair, renovation or alteration of the same.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Contract Construction – Oxford Terrace Baptist Church – Accommodation & Offices, 2025

Waide Commercial Construction - Milford 110, 2024

Naylor Love Auckland - The CAB Apartments, 2023

Chancellor Construction - Kotuitui Development (Stage 2), 2022

Naylor Love Canterbury - Paragon Apartments, 2021

Scott Construction - Betts Apartments, 2020

L T McGuinness - Wynyard Central, 2019

Dominion Constructors - 585 Rothesay, 2018

Scarbro Construction - Queens Residences, 2017

Maycroft Construction - Marshall Court Redevelopment, 2016

Please note: photos featured are from a range of entries and not necessarily from the winners identified in this section.



Any project that is industrial in nature including repair, renovation or alteration of the same, eg: manufacturing/processing plants, wharves/ bridges, tunnels/dams, warehousing facilities and farm buildings.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Naylor Love Canterbury - Tuhiraki AgResearch, 2025

Naylor Love Canterbury - Christchurch Hospital

New Energy Centre, 2024

Foster Group - APL, 2023

Form Building & Developments - Steelfort Showroom

and Distribution Centre, 2022

Dominion Constructors - Mainfreight Tauranga, 2021

Isles Construction - AgResearch PC2 Glasshouses, 2020

Foster Construction - Visy, 2019

Calder Stewart Construction - Project Viking, 2018

Hawkins Construction - Red Stag Sawmill, 2017

Dominion Constructors and Leighs Construction

(joint venture) - Mainfreight, Christchurch, 2016



This category is for offices and business spaces that are not retail in nature taking in buildings that are considered places of work in both the public and private sectors including repair, renovation or alteration of the same, eg: office blocks.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Macrennie Commercial Construction - Building 11 Central Park, 2025

Dunlop Builders - The Dunlop Hub, 2024

McKee Fehl Constructors - Stewart Dawson's

Corner Redevelopment, 2023

Hawkins - Foodstuffs North Island Head Office, 2022

WSP - Te Ao Nui, 2021

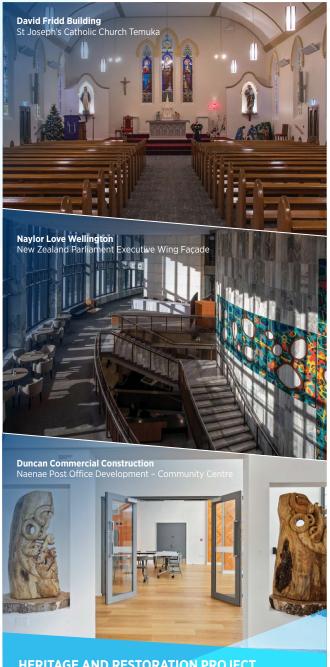
Leighs Construction - The B:Hive (Smales Farm Building 5), 2020

L T McGuinness - PWC Centre, 2019

McKee-Fehl Constructors - 22 Boulcott Street, 2018

L T McGuinness - The Aurora Centre. 2017

Naylor Love Construction - Devonport Library, 2016



HERITAGE AND RESTORATION PROJECT

Whether fit out or re-cladding - this category is for commercial projects for which the primary brief was restoration, irrespective of the building's purpose.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

David Fridd Building - St Joseph's Catholic Church Temuka, 2025 Naylor Love Dunedin - The Dunedin Railway Station, 2024

HRS Construction - St Faith's Church, 2023

L T McGuinness - Farmers Building, 2022

Maycroft Construction - Old St Paul's Seismic Upgrade, 2021

Hawkins - Christchurch Town Hall Conservation Project, 2020

DPA Architects - Rose Chapel, 2019

L T McGuinness - St Mary of the Angels Church -

Seismic Strengthening and Upgrade, 2018

Naylor Love Construction - Isaac Theatre Royal, 2017

Naylor Love Construction - Christ's College Hare Memorial

Library Restoration, 2016



Interior fit out of an existing commercial space.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Gaze Commercial - Anderson Lloyd Christchurch, 2025

Unispace - Arup, 2024 BLACK - BLACK, 2023

Hawkins - MediaWorks Radio Fit Out, 2022 Black Interiors - ANZ Raranga, 2021

Unispace - HEB Construction, 2020

ICL Construction - New Plymouth District

Council Civic Centre, 2019

RCG - Māori Television. 2018





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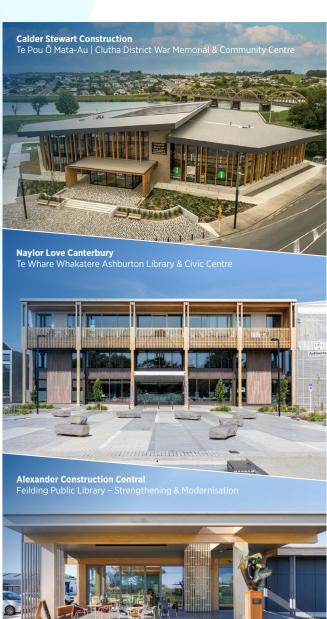
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This category includes buildings that offer services to the public including repair, renovation or alteration of the same, e.g; courts, police stations, fire stations, government research facilities, public ablution blocks and ambulance facilities.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Calder Stewart Construction - Te Pou Ō Mata-Au | Clutha District War Memorial & Community Centre, 2025

Canam Commercial - Whangārei Civic Centre, 2024 Robinson Construction - Lansdowne Sports Hub, 2023 CPB Contractors - Te Pae - Christchurch Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2022

Naylor Love Canterbury - Nelson Airport Terminal, 2020 **Southbase Construction** – Turanga – Christchurch Central Library, 2019

The Fletcher Construction Company - He Tohu Exhibition, 2018 Scott Construction - The Suter® Art Gallery Redevelopment, 2017

Note: Prior to 2017, Commercial and Civic were combined into one category.



Projects built for the purpose of education, from pre-school to tertiary, private training establishments (PTEs), and iwi/whānau based training developments including repair, renovation or alteration of the same.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

LT McGuinness Wellington - Ngā Mokopuna, 2025 Leighs Construction - Waimarie Building, 2024 Southbase Construction - Hanleys Farm Primary School, 2023 ASC Architects - TechPark, Manukau Institute of Technology, 2022 Naylor Love Canterbury - Te Raekura Redcliffs School, 2021 Naylor Love Canterbury - St Bede's College Chapel and Performing Arts Centre, 2020

N-Compass - The Gardens School, 2019

Hawkins - Rolleston College, 2018

Armitage Williams Construction - St Andrew's College Centennial Chapel, 2017

Scarbro Construction - University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Research Building 906, 2016



This category is only for retail projects. These may include shops or any form of retail development, where the primary purpose is direct-to-customer services. It includes repair, renovation or alteration of the same.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Cachet Group - ANZ Bank | St Lukes, 2025

Amalgamated Builders - Invercargill Central Development, 2024

Naylor Love Central Otago - O'Connells Mall, 2023

Savory Construction - Ormiston Town Centre, 2022

Naylor Love Canterbury - Ballantynes Redevelopment, 2021

Consortium Construction - Riverside Farmers' Market, 2020

Calder Stewart Construction - Hoyts entX, 2019

Naylor Love Construction - Rydges Restaurant and Bar Refurbishment, 2018

WG de Gruchy Construction - Tantalus Winery, Brewery & Restaurant 2017

Livingstone Building NZ and Chow:Hill (joint venture) -Ebbett Audi Volkswagen, 2016



ALTUS WINDOW SYSTEMS HEALTH PROJECT

Projects built to provide 'direct' health services. This includes GP services, hospital developments and veterinary and specialist clinics, including repair, renovation or alteration of the same.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Naylor Love Canterbury - Te Hurihanga ō Rangatahi | The Youth Hub, 2025

Alexander Construction - Royston Day Surgery, 2024 Leighs Construction - Waipapa, ICU Pod 4,

Christchurch Hospital, 2023

(Stage 2), 2021

Naylor Love Canterbury - Toka Hāpai Selwyn Health Hub, 2022 Hawkins - Tiaho Mai Acute Mental Health Unit

Armstrong Downes Commercial - Te Omanga Hospice, 2020

Naylor Love Wellington - Wellington Hospital ICU Expansion, 2019

Naylor Love Construction - Manaaki By Mercy, 2018 Leighs Cockram JV - Burwood Hospital Redevelopment, 2017

Fletcher Construction - Kathleen Kilgour Centre Radiotherapy Unit, 2016





Specifically for buildings and developments where the public utilises the facilities/space in the tourism, visitor or leisure sector including repair, renovation or alteration of the same, e.g; visitor centres, hotels, swimming pools, churches. This category excludes retirement villages, which should be entered into the Residential Project category.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Cook Brothers Construction - Ayrburn Arrowtown, 2025 **Robinson Construction** – Marlborough District Library and Art Gallery, 2024

Icon NZ - Voco-HIE, 2023

HRS Construction - Ravenscar House, 2022

Contract Construction - Aldersgate, 2021

Russell Property Group & Dominion Constructors -

Four Points by Sheraton Auckland, 2020

Triple Star Management - Blanket Bay Villas, 2019

Hawkins - Wellington International Airport -

Terminal South Extension, 2018

Arrow International (NZ) - The Remarkables Base Building, 2017 Triple Star Management - Aro Ha Wellness Retreat, 2016





NEW IN 2026

For projects that support the physical systems enabling the production and delivery of goods and services — with a focus on horizontal construction. This includes the development, repair, renovation or alteration of transport networks (roads, railways, ports, waterways), utilities (power, gas, water, telecommunications), and public works (dams, canals, irrigation systems). Please note, projects such as schools, hospitals, prisons and community housing should instead be entered into the relevant education or civic category.

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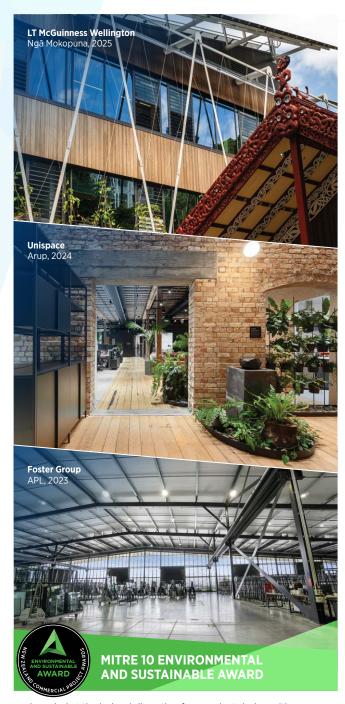


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Awarded at the judges' discretion for a project design with exceptional environmental features. This award recognises the relationship our man-made buildings have with the environment and the responsibility we have as an industry.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

LT McGuinness Wellington - Ngā Mokopuna, 2025 Unispace - Arup, 2024 Foster Group - APL, 2023

Hawkins - Foodstuffs North Island Head Office, 2022



This award recognises that transformation is happening in our sector and is awarded to the project that has taken an innovative approach and achieved a positive outcome. Innovation could be in the field of process, design, construction, materials or technology.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

NZ Strong Group - Hotel Grand Chancellor, 2025

ICON NZ - Greys Ave Complex, 2024

Naylor Love Canterbury - Mahana House Duplex, 2023

Harnett Builders - Te Hononga, Hundertwasser Memorial Park, 2022

ASC Architects - Eyes and Eyelids, 2021

Naylor Love Canterbury - Nelson Airport Terminal, 2020

Stewart Hanna - The Mezz Box, 2019



This award may be given at the discretion of the judges for a specific outstanding project or element of a project that they feel is worthy of recognition.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Naylor Love Wellington - Wellington Regional Hospital Temporary Decant Ward, 2025

Naylor Love Canterbury - Golden Bay High School Rebuild, 2025 Naylor Love Canterbury - Dolomite Point Redevelopment Project, 2025 **Apollo Projects** – Kiwa Pools, 2024

Amalgamated Builders - Invercargill Central Development, 2024 Holmes Construction - New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport Performance Institute, 2024

Alaska Construction Interiors - Cambridge Police Hub, 2023

Brosnan - Karamea Area School. 2023

NZ Strong Group - South East Asia Precinct, Auckland Zoo, 2023 **Trigg Construction** – Hundertwasser Art Centre with Wairau Māori Art Gallery, 2022

Brosnan Construction - Shore Junction, 2021 Jacobson Projects - Tuvalu Christian Church, 2021 DPA Architects - Highfield Woolshed, 2020



All projects will automatically be eligible for a Value Award based on their total project value.

VALUE AWARD CATEGORIES

- Commercial Project Under \$1 million
- Commercial Project \$1 \$3 million
- Commercial Project \$3 \$10 million
- Commercial Project \$10 \$25 million
- Commercial Project Over \$25 million



Awarded at the judges' discretion for use of technology that aims to shape the industry towards a more efficient and sustainable era, and that improves the construction life cycle and identifies potential issues before they become real ones. All entries will be automatically entered into this award.

PREVIOUS WINNER

Haydn & Rollett - Stuart McCutcheon House, 2024



BEST OF THE BEST

PAST SUPREME AWARD WINNERS

2025 - OVER \$10 MILLION

NGĀ MOKOPUNA (FORMERLY THE LIVING PĀ) WELLINGTON LT MCGUINNESS WELLINGTON

2025 - UNDER \$10 MILLION

SCAPEGRACE DISTILLERY LAKE DUNSTAN BREEN CONSTRUCTION

WHANGĀREI CIVIC CENTRE WHANGĀREI CANAM COMMERCIAL

2024 - UNDER \$10 MILLION

ARUP AUCKLAND UNISPACE

2023 VOCO-HIE, AUCKLAND

ICON NZ

RAVENSCAR HOUSE, CHRISTCHURCH HRS CONSTRUCTION

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TE RAEKURA REDCLIFFS SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH NAYLOR LOVE CANTERBURY

2020

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE CHAPEL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, CHRISTCHURCH NAYLOR LOVE CANTERBURY

2019

PWC CENTRE, WELLINGTON L T MCGUINNESS

2018

PROJECT VIKING, CHRISTCHURCH CALDER STEWART CONSTRUCTION

2017

THE REMARKABLES BASE BUILDING, QUEENSTOWN ARROW INTERNATIONAL (NZ)



