

7. NZIA AWARDS

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The purpose of this report is to provide further information regarding the architectural awards recently made by the New Zealand Institute of Architects.

BACKGROUND

The New Zealand Institute of Architects – Resene Architectural Awards are held annually to recognise architectural excellence and building design. There are two levels of awards:

1. The Regional Award, assessed regionally on a category basis.
2. National Award (5), a prestigious award, assessed nationally, on the basis of overall architectural/design excellence.

The awards were presented at a function held in Auckland on Tuesday 30 May 2000.

Three Christchurch City Council buildings featured at the presentation ceremony.

- New Brighton Pier Terminus Building, by Architecture Warren and Mahoney.
- On the Beach, by Wilson and Hill Architects.
- Christchurch Town Hall, by Architecture Warren and Mahoney.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **New Brighton Pier Terminus Building**

Andrew Barclay, from Architecture Warren and Mahoney, was presented with two awards for this building. The first was the Southern Regional Award for architecture in the category of “Urban Design”. The second, and most significant, was one of the five National Awards for overall architectural merit and excellence.

The latter is the most prestigious and sought-after award in the architectural profession.

The following statement is made in the citation:

“Berthed alongside the newly reconstructed New Brighton Pier, the Terminus Building creates a much-needed community and urban focus to this seaside suburb.

Its location on the edge of the beach has been partnered with the existing Memorial Clocktower and an iconic Monterey Cypress to form a significant civic landmark. The striking elliptical building form has evolved from valuable community participation and with skilful modelling and articulation by the architects, provides a memorable interface of the town and coastline.

A pavilion-like interior provides an existing community library that visually connects directly to the adjacent sand dunes and community.”

2. **On the Beach**

David Hill, from Wilson & Hill Architects, was presented with the Southern Regional Award for this building in the category of “Hospitality and Healthcare”.

The award describes the building:

“This popular restaurant is at home with the beach and waterfront life, it is relaxed, informal and uncomplicated. Natural lighting and a wide opening on to decks help to make the building accessible to the beach and the beach accessible to the restaurant users. Although the site and built form were dictated by the earlier beach structure, the restaurant picks up the boatshed idea with well organised detailing and a clinker-built bar, the architecture celebrates the beach and being on it.”

3. **Christchurch Town Hall**

Architecture Warren and Mahoney were also presented with a 25 year award for their design of the Christchurch Town Hall. This Award recognises its enduring design and architectural excellence, which has withstood the test of time.

It is an achievement that the Council can be extremely proud of.

Architects agree that, although these awards recognise architectural excellence and building design, the awards would not be possible without the commission and the brief from the clients, which allows them the scope to produce innovative architecture.

The Council can be extremely proud of the recognition received by the above award winners.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.