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coastal award winning



FOLLOWING ON FROM 2004'S AWARDS for the Warburton house in Te Awamutu and the Laimbeer alterations at River Road, Hamilton, the Weir Residence at Whangamata has recently been awarded a NZIA Resene Local Award for Architecture, in the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Branch 2005.

A project also received an award in the Western Branch. We'll include more details of this project next time.

private view

Located on the beach front, the house is sheltered behind a sand dune and has a public beach access way along one side. This presented the challenge of how to maximise the spectacular east-facing ocean views and exposure to the sun, while maintaining a strong sense of personal privacy.

The judges' citation notes that *'the concept of a private garden courtyard set below the sand dunes is successful as an intimate retreat in complete contrast to the expansive ocean beach view from the upper floor. The owners' obvious delight in their new house is a measure of the design's success.'*



As always, the project's overall success is also a tribute to the builder's proficiency and our client's approach. The award reflects the collaboration between all parties, and we congratulate David and Wendy Weir and Andre Hillier (Builder) on their achievement.



The team L-R: Sandra Metcalfe, David Pronger, Carl Hemmingson, Warren Perry, Geoff Lentz (seated), Antanas Procuta, Richard Mauriohooho, Alex McCallum, Mathias Nill (seated), Evan Mayo, Lisi Liu.

Photo: Trefor Ward Photography

growing gracefully

We are pleased to see that the importance of good urban design is finally being recognised in the public debate over recent poor-quality subdivisions.

One of our current projects is a 300 dwelling mixed density, mixed use subdivisional development in Cambridge. The landowners asked us to help them design the subdivision so that it responds to and engages with the existing township and community, and provides a sustainable environment with a strong sense of neighbourhood and community for the future. The resulting District Plan Change Application has recently been publicly notified by Waipa DC as part of the Resource Consent process.

The Urban Design Protocol is a government-led project to create more interesting and user-friendly buildings, places, spaces and transport.

We are committed to incorporating good urban design principles locally, and became the 100th signatory to the protocol earlier this year.



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[www.mfe.govt.nz/news/
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Above - Laimbeer alterations, River Road, Hamilton. Contemporary living in a classic style. Photo: Lindberg Photography Ltd



Left - New residence at Rotokauri, designed for energy efficiency with minimal visual intrusion into the surrounding landscape. Construction scheduled to start Feb 2006.

commercial

creative accountancy



Above - Detail of lift lobby.

Right - Fit out of professional offices for Cleland Hancox Ltd, London Street, Hamilton. Bright, modern design creates a new open plan work environment and enhances the corporate identity of the client.



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HAMILTON'S THEATRES are increasingly in demand due to renewed interest in the arts locally, and so we were asked to help raise and differentiate their public profiles. The Mondrian-inspired colour scheme adopted for the Community Theatre uses blocks of colour to break up the previously overwhelming monolithic mass of the building.

Work on the colour scheme for the Meteor Theatre is due for completion in March 2006.

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