



NEW ZEALAND
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Curved creation in winner's circle

Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre

CATEGORY

PlaceMakers Tourism and Leisure Project Award

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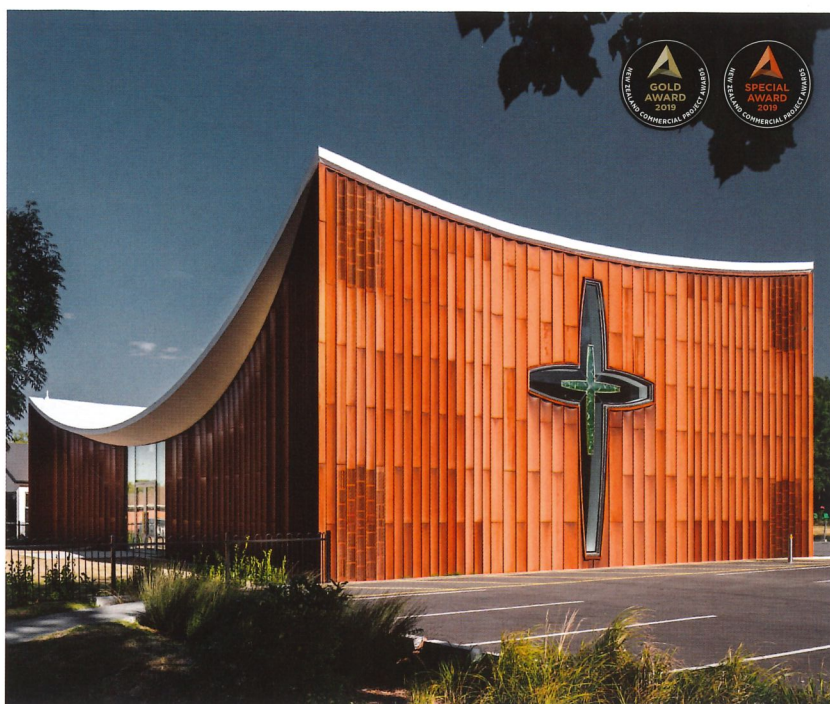
Higgs Construction Ltd

PROJECT PARTNERS

Hamish Shaw Architects (Architect/Designer),
Higgs Construction (Construction Company),
Lewis and Barrow (Civil Engineer), Marshall Day
(Acoustics), Olsson Fire & Risk (Fire Engineer),
Rough & Milne (Landscape Architects),
The Project Office (Project Manager), TM Consultants
(Structural/Mechanical/Electrical Engineer)

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Successes

Paul Harris from Higgs Construction said the team was very excited to have won the Special Award as it provides recognition for something special and unique.

"It's not about how large the build is, it's about how well it is executed. Winning the Special Award emphasises the level of detail we put into our builds, no matter how big or small. It really signifies who we are as a contractor and our ability to be a true construction partner."



Challenges

Paul Harris said the main challenge was that the design of the building was all curves.

"Everything in the build was curve shaped — including the walls and the roof. Therefore, there were challenges in setting out to execute the shape and deliver the complex finishes. Every element we fitted had a slight fissure in it to be able to create the curves."



Judges comments

Judges said Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre is a spectacular building which has captured the rich history of the Sisters of Mercy and their historical relationship with the West Coast. They were impressed with the many interesting features and locally-sourced materials, including the incorporation of West Coast Greenstone.

"The intricate detailing of both external cladding and internal finishes has been undertaken to the highest standard. The facility will stand forever as a monument to those that have been involved with the college, both in the past and the future. It is an exceptional example of a successful collaborative construction process."

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