



Victoria University of Wellington Campus Hub & Library

Project Details

Client: Victoria University of Wellington
Location: Wellington, New Zealand
Approx. Value: \$63m
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Awards

NZIA, New Zealand Architecture
Award, Education, 2014

Property Council New Zealand, Best in
Category Award, Education and Arts
Property, 2014

“This project looks to align existing library facilities with international best practice and integrate them into the new Hub to create a heart for the Victoria University of Wellington Kelburn Campus.”

– Carsten Auer, Project Architect

The Campus Hub and Library project responds to the changing pedagogical environment of today, new trends for maintaining and disseminating knowledge, as well as students' increased expectations of social and recreational amenities on campus. Learning and social functions are no longer separate and as such the project seeks to shift the boundaries between secure and non-secure elements of the library and create a greater overlap with the social learning and recreational functions of the Hub.

Within the wider context the project addresses the need for a 'front door' and improved campus interface with Kelburn Parade and a more legible circulation network within the overall campus.

Key responsibilities of the design team led by Athfield/Architectus have been to:

- develop an Urban Design strategy that addressed key campus-wide design goals identified in the existing 'Campus Development Frame Work' and 'Master Strategy Report'
- establish a Briefing Document including analysis of functional requirements against International Library Space Planning Standards and selected NZ University Statistics
- develop and deliver a design concept for the Campus Hub and Library Upgrade including the central outdoor space