



Waitakere Civic Centre

Project Details

Client: Waitakere City Council
 Location: Auckland, New Zealand
 Approx. Value: \$39m
 Floor Area: 13 400 m²
 Completion: July 2006

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Awards

NZ Property Council, Special Purpose Building, Excellence

NZIA, Resene Local Award for Architecture, 2007

NZIA, Resene NZ Award for Architecture, 2008

Designed by Architectus in association with Athfield Architects, the Waitakere Civic Centre in Henderson seeks to optimise the City's sustainable design objectives by integrating new energy efficient Council facilities with a new transport interchange.

Sited adjacent to the North Auckland Rail Line, the new Civic Centre comprises three main elements – the Civic Wing containing the Council Chamber, Councillor's facilities and the Directorate; the Administration Wing containing public interface facilities and open-plan office space for council staff and the Link element which forms the main public access and pedestrian connection to the new rail station and Henderson CBD.

Proximity to good public transport and good amenities for staff were important considerations for the selection of the site for the new centre.

Energy efficiency has been achieved with measures such as extensive sun screening, high levels of thermal insulation, integrated air floors and extensive use of natural daylighting. Materials have been carefully chosen from sustainable and recyclable sources. Water use has been minimised and storm water is treated on site through a Green Roof and Rain Gardens prior to entering the public system.

Within the Administration Wing a grand staircase connects the staff areas across a five storey void discouraging lift usage and promoting staff interaction and socialisation.

Local cultural heritage is expressed in particular in the Council Chamber, the form of which reflects that of a gourd, a significant artefact for local Iwi.