

# AWARDS



## ORIENTAL BAY

Our innovative enhancement of Oriental Bay beach and foreshore was recognised with a New Zealand Institute of Architects Resene Supreme Award for Architecture – the institute’s highest award, reserved for truly exceptional projects.

The NZIA judges commented that the project added significantly to Wellingtonians’ and visitors’ experience of the area and was “a great deal more than an enhancement”.

The project also won a gold award at the Association of Consulting Engineers’ Innovate NZ awards, which recognise excellence in engineering. Oriental Bay redevelopment has won several other architecture and urban design awards.

## SAFE CITY

Wellington is the world’s first capital city to be recognised as a World Health Organisation Safe Community.

The designation, awarded in April 2006 by the Safe Communities Foundation (the World Health Organisation’s certifying agency in New Zealand) recognises more than five years of work on crime reduction, traffic injury prevention and other safety initiatives which have contributed to a significant drop in the rates of crime. Wellington’s Safe City programme is a partnership between the Council, Police, ACC, and Capital and Coast Health.

## PROTECTING HERITAGE BUILDINGS

In April 2006, the New Zealand Planning Institute awarded us its Nancy Northcroft Planning Practice Award for 2006 for our Residential Character Study of Newtown, Berhampore and Mount Cook. The study has led to proposals for district plan changes to protect the character of homes in the three suburbs built before 1930.

The institute praised our “leading edge” approach, which combined detailed analysis and in-depth consultation to balance seemingly contradictory goals: protecting streetscape character, encouraging infill development and enabling private property development.

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

Anyquestions, an online reference service we provide in conjunction with other NZ libraries, scooped the Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM) New Zealand Post Management Excellence Award, and the 3M Award for excellence in Innovation in Libraries.

It was also a finalist in the Telecommunications Users Association of New Zealand Local and Central Government Services Awards 2005.

## KARORI LIBRARY

Our new Karori Library won a design award in the community and cultural category at the 2006 NZIA Resene New Zealand Awards for Architecture.

The judges commented that the architects had overcome some difficult siting constraints to achieve a design that creates a new town square and street identity, and an interior with “elegant detailing” and tempered light that gives “luminous warmth to the reading environment”.



### SCULPTURE DUO

In a joint entry, Len Lye's Water Whirler and Bill Culbert's SkyBlues sculptures together won Wellington City Council the Supreme Award at Creative New Zealand's 2006 Creative Places Awards, which recognise local government investment in the arts.

"The works demonstrate excellence, are a strong response to their environment and reflect Wellington City Council's long-term investment in public art," the award judges said.

### NZ'S BEST ANNUAL REPORT

Wellington City Council's 2004/05 Annual Report won the Supreme Award in the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants' Annual Report Awards. The Council won top prize against strong competition from some of New Zealand's top companies, corporations and Crown entities. As well, the 2005 Annual Report won the Local Government category.

The award judges said the Council's Annual report showed clearly what needed to be achieved and how that was achieved. "Even though a large document, the report was user friendly. Each of the sections made sense on their own recognising the wide and varied audience that have distinct interests in parts of the Council's operations."

### INNOVATION AWARD FOR QUARRY

Our Kiwi Point Quarry situated in Ngauranga Gorge won a BearingPoint Innovation Award for Local Government for its work on assessing the landscaping effects for proposed work on the south face of the quarry.

This project assessed the landscaping and visual effects of the quarry's expansion plans using graphical communication and 3D modelling to enable better decision-making and effective communication of the impacts to key stakeholders.

### GREENHOUSE COMMITMENT RECOGNISED

A recent move by Wellington City Council to agree to a greenhouse gas-reduction goal has been recognised with an award by the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

The Council agreed as part of the Communities for Climate Protection Programme (CCP) to establish a benchmark of greenhouse gas emissions, by 2010, that is equivalent to 2003 levels. By 2020, the Council wants to reduce its emissions by 20% from 2003 levels.

"Communities for Climate Protection councils like Wellington City Council have truly embraced the principle of 'think global, act local' and are demonstrating that they can make a tangible difference in the area of climate change," said New Zealand ICLEI Chief Executive Wayne Wescott.

### INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR WEBSITE

Our website, [www.Wellington.govt.nz](http://www.Wellington.govt.nz) has been judged one of the world's leading government websites in an international internet marketing competition. The Council won an "outstanding Website Award" in the government section of the Web Marketing Association's 2005 WebAward Competition.

The Boston-based competition received more than 2,100 entries from 33 countries. Websites were judged on innovation, content, technology, interactivity, navigation and ease of use.