

Commercial property

Silver awards bestowed on innovative projects

LOWER HUTT building company Armstrong Downes has picked up three Commercial Project Awards.

It received silver awards for the Kapiti Coast District Council's new administration building in Paraparaumu, the Churton Park Retail Village and its redevelopment of the Silverstream New World supermarket.

Maycroft Construction also won silver awards for its Amesbury School development in Churton Park and the Whitireia Polytechnic project 1 building in Porirua.

Livingstone Building received an award for the Johnston Ebert Holden showroom and Rigg Zschokke won a bronze award for Waiata House in Masterton.

The supreme award, announced in Auckland last night, went to Whangarei's distinctive new Lower Hatea River Crossing.

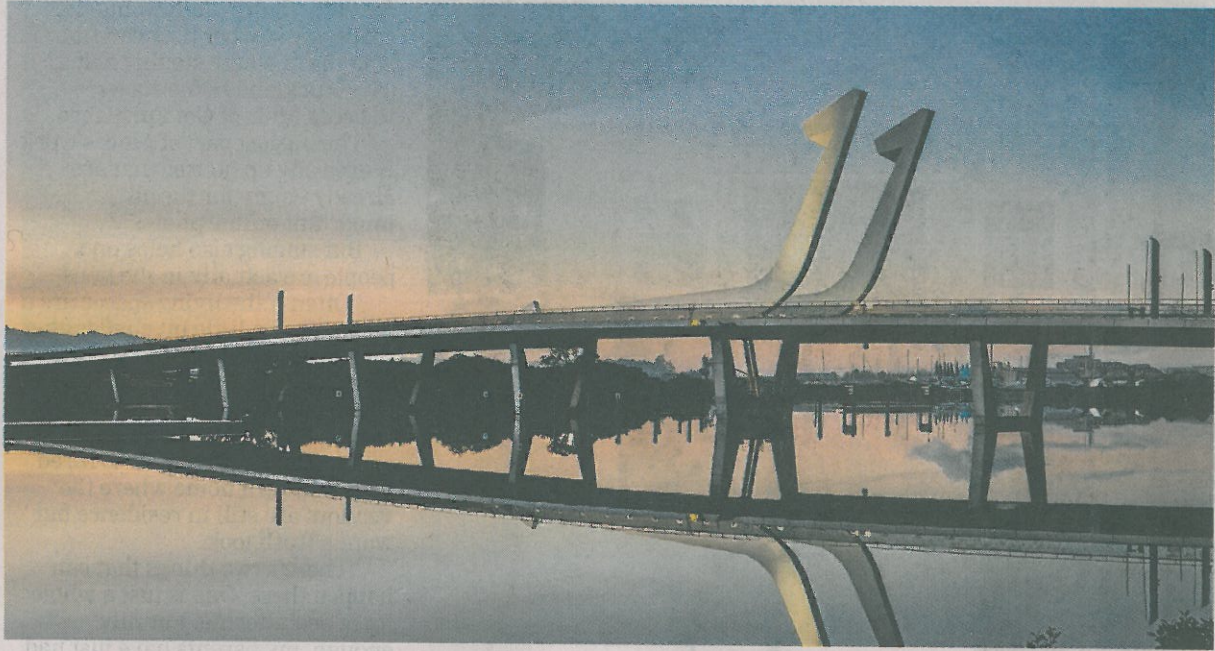
The bridge, which provides a vital link to Whangarei City and a clearway for marine traffic when the drawbridge is raised, was modelled in the style of a traditional Maori fish hook.

It was created by McConnell Dowell, Transfield Services, local architect firm Peters and Cheung, top UK bridge architect Knight Architects and UK based Eadon Consulting.

The structure was described by the judges as a clear example of an outstanding commercial construction, demonstrating that functionality and aesthetics need not be mutually exclusive.

The bridge was practical, economical and striking with an architectural form blending seamlessly with its function.

As well as winning the supreme award, the bridge, which opened in July last year, also took out the commercial and civic category and won the value award for the



Property prizes: Whangarei's Lower Hatea River Crossing, which has a central drawbridge modelled on a Maori fish hook.



Amesbury School: Another Maycroft job.

top property over \$15 million.

Awards spokesman Warwick Quinn said entries were high-calibre and the winners represented

the very best being delivered by construction project teams nationwide.

He said Christchurch projects

showed the city's rebuild was very much under way.

Canterbury properties to receive awards were Christchurch's temporary stadium (Hawkins Construction), Christchurch Hospital's Parkside Wards and Acute Medical Assessment Unit (Leighs Construction), St Andrew's College's Strowan House earthquake repairs (Bushnell Builders) and Christchurch International Airport's terminal project (Hawkins Construction).

Other winners around the country include the Otago Settlers Museum redevelopment in Dunedin (Lund Dunedin), AUT Sir Paul Reeves Building in Auckland (Fletcher Construction), Levin's Te Takere restoration (Crowe Construction), and the development of the Sculptillusion Gallery at the Puzzling World in Wanaka (Amalgamated Builders).



Kapiti Coast District Council headquarters: A winner for Armstrong Downes.