

MEDIA RELEASE

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Landmark office tower the finest development for 2013

Precinct Properties' ANZ Centre, the 32-storey landmark on Albert Street in Auckland is 'standing proud' once again, seizing top honours last night at the annual Property Council New Zealand Rider Levett Bucknall Property Industry Awards.

The complete top-to-toe refurbishment of this 'A' grade office tower has added considerable value for its owner and tenants. Submitted by RCP and Warren and Mahoney, this project is a very worthy recipient of the Rider Levett Bucknall Supreme Award. More than 1000 guests honoured the project team and applauded their effort at a black tie awards ceremony at the Viaduct Events Centre.

Three months of judging narrowed down to one decision – battling against 78 other finalists, the judging panel deemed the ANZ Centre to stand out above all others. The property also took out the Hays Commercial Office Property Award, defeating 11 worthy office buildings in New Zealand completed last year.

The judging panel acknowledged the project required "very detailed and innovative planning to facilitate the work being completed without disruption to the day-to-day operation of the building for the existing tenants".

The judges were impressed with the total scope of the project, the attention to detail, commitment and cooperation of the stakeholders in the delivery of a complex and comprehensive modernisation project. "The ANZ Centre was originally completed in 1991. With the passage of time the property position as a pre-eminent commercial office address in the Auckland central business district was under serious threat.

"The renovation of the tower's office spaces, creation of a dedicated meeting suite, new entry statement and enhanced lobby facilities has provided a cost effective solution to retain ANZ Bank as the anchor tenant on a new 15-year lease."

Judging recognised 44 finalists – properties from the far corners of the country were lucky enough to take home an award.

Chief Judge John Dunn said finalists this year covered one of the widest geographical reaches ever. Awards were presented to properties in Kaitia, Warkworth, Auckland, Tauranga, Whakatane, Wellington, Carterton, Porirua, Greytown, Christchurch, Timaru and Wanaka.

Eighteen finalists received an 'Excellence' Award, presented to properties that symbolise excellence within the property industry – including nine properties which were deemed to be outstanding and worthy of additional recognition with a 'Best in Category' Award. Properties with 'something special' received Merit Awards.

New Zealand's most esteemed property industry awards have been running for close to two decades. The awards celebrate positive contributions to the built environment and attract submissions from the country's finest commercial property developments.

A Practical Completion Certificate dated 28 February 2013 or earlier was required to compete in this year's awards. Submissions go through a rigorous judging process which includes detailed review of the developments and site visits by the judging panel.

Evaluation criteria include economic and financial factors, project vision and innovation (including degree of difficulty), design and construction, owner and user satisfaction, and sustainability and efficiency of operation.

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2013 WINNERS: (submitted by)

Rider Levett Bucknall Supreme Award 2013

ANZ Centre Auckland (RCP and Warren and Mahoney) Auckland

Arrow International Multi-Unit Residential Property Award

Best in Category

Regent Park Apartments (Wellington City Council) Wellington

Coffey Education and Arts Property Award

Best in Category

Te Aro Hihiko, College of Creative Arts (Arrow International NZ) Wellington

Excellence

Hobsonville Point Primary School (Learning Infrastructure Partners) Auckland

Saint Kentigern College, MacFarlan Centre (Saint Kentigern College Trust Board) Auckland

St Cuthberts College Performing Arts Centre (Architectus and Dominion Constructors) Auckland

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Pukemiro (Ministry of Education) Kaitiaki

The University of Auckland, Grafton Campus, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences
(The University of Auckland) Auckland

Merit

Massey University Student Amenities Centre (Massey University) Auckland

Te Kōputu a te Whanga a Toi: Whakatane Library and Exhibition Centre
(Irving Smith Jack Architects, and Aurecon) Whakatane

Hawkins Construction Heritage and Adaptive Reuses Property Award

Best in Category

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Excellence

The Imperial Buildings (Fearon Hay Architects) Auckland

Merit

Abbeville Estate (Auckland International Airport)	Auckland
Carterton Events Centre (Opus International Consultants)	Carterton
New Regent Street Collaborative Reconstruction Project (Resource Co-ordination Partnership)	Christchurch
Tepid Baths Redevelopment (Auckland Council)	Auckland
The RCP Building (Resource Co-ordination Partnership)	Auckland
WelTec School of Hospitality and Le Cordon Bleu NZ Institute (The Building Intelligence Group and Archaus Architects)	Wellington

Hays Commercial Office Property Award

Best in Category

ANZ Centre Auckland (RCP, and Warren and Mahoney)	Auckland
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Excellence

ANZ Business Centre Tauranga (Bayleys)	Tauranga
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Merit

AECOM House (Dominion Constructors and Woodhams Meikle Zhan Architects)	Auckland
Geyser (Patterson Associate and RCP)	Auckland
The Imperial Buildings (Fearon Hay Architects)	Auckland

Holmes Consulting Group Tourism and Leisure Property Award

Best in Category

Christchurch Airport Terminal Building (Christchurch International Airport)	Christchurch
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Merit

Caroline Bay Trust Aoraki Centre (Aurecon)	Timaru
ibis budget Hotel, Auckland Airport (Auckland International Airport)	Auckland
ibis Hotel, Christchurch (The Building Intelligence Group)	Christchurch

Natural Habitats Urban Land Developments Property Award

Best in Category

Peninsula Bay (Infinity Investment Group)	Wanaka
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Merit

Coast Papamoa Beach (Frasers Papamoa)	Tauranga
Stonefields Stage Four and Wetlands (Todd Property Group)	Auckland

RCG Retail Property Award

Merit

Barrington (The Buchan Group and Tinline Properties)	Christchurch
Countdown Newtown (Progressive Enterprises)	Wellington
Countdown Warkworth (Progressive Enterprises)	Warkworth
Fresh Choice Greytown (Progressive Enterprises)	Greytown

Resene Green Building Property Award

Best in Category

Geyser (Patterson Associates and RCP)	Auckland
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Merit

BRANZ Redevelopment (Warren and Mahoney)	Porirua
Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Pukemiro (Ministry of Education)	Kaitaia

Trends Publishing Industrial Property Award

Best in Category

Blum NZ (Williams Architects) Auckland

Merit

Paykel Building (Davis Langdon, an AECOM Company) Auckland

Supercheap Auto, Manukau (Goodman Property Trust) Auckland

Warren and Mahoney Special Purpose Property Award

Best in Category

Unitec Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae, wharenui and wharekai
(Davis Langdon, an AECOM Company) Auckland

Excellence

National Library of New Zealand (Beca and Warren and Mahoney) Wellington

North Harbour Stadium Broadcast Tower (North Harbour Stadium Trust) Auckland

Merit

AUT Millennium Institute of Sport and Health (Pacific Environments NZ) Auckland

Thanks to our judging panel:

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