

Christchurch Civic Trust Awards 2002

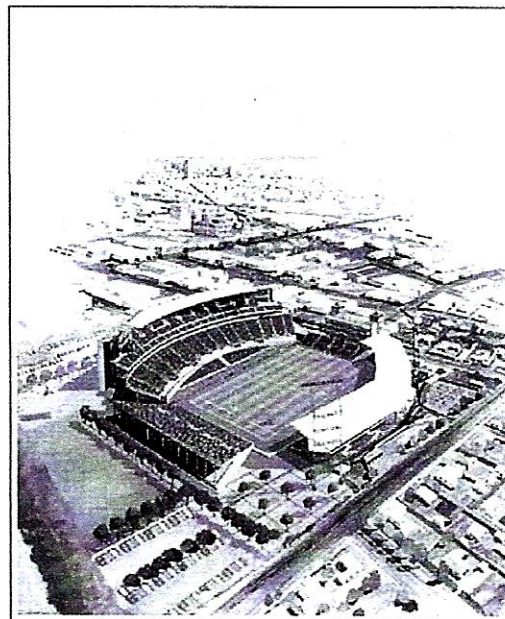
CATEGORY A: A project that has made a material and beneficial change to the city environment involving either development on a new site or redevelopment of an existing site/structures.

SUPREME AWARD:

New Spectator Stands, Jade Stadium
Awarded to: Jade Stadium Ltd

Architects: Athfield /Architectus Ellerbe Becket
Principal Contractors: Fletcher Construction/Chas. S. Luney Joint Venture (West Stand) and C. Lund & Son (South Stand).

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of Jade Stadium Ltd for the construction of two new spectator stands for 24,000 seats, thereby upgrading the stadium to a full-seated facility of 36,500 seats. This Supreme Award identifies this undertaking as a project of distinction that not only has made a material and beneficial change to the city environment but also has strengthened the economic and social foundations of Christchurch.



Jade Stadium

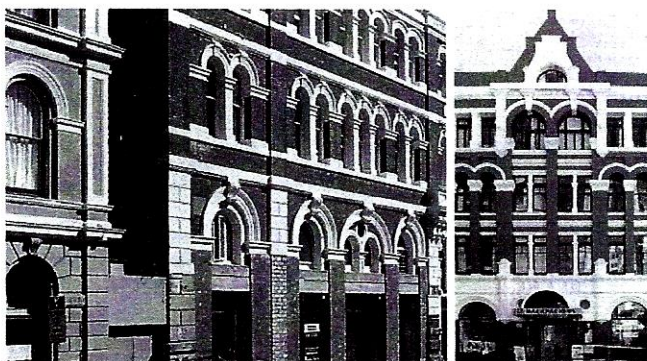
CATEGORY B: A project that has restored, upgraded or protected a site, building or group of buildings of significant heritage, character or conservation value.

AWARD:

**Restoration of The Star/Lyttelton Times Building
and The Lyttelton Times Building**
Awarded to: Christchurch Heritage Ltd

Architects: Pascoe Linton Sellars
Principal Contractor: Fletcher Construction Ltd.

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of Christchurch Heritage Ltd for the restoration and upgrading of the former Star / Lyttelton Times building at 134-140 Gloucester Street and the adjoining Lyttelton Times building at 56 Cathedral Square. Both buildings are of significant heritage and character value, arising from their original former use for the printing of newspapers and also from their unique architectural qualities, the value of which increases as the stock of other vintage buildings in the city diminishes.

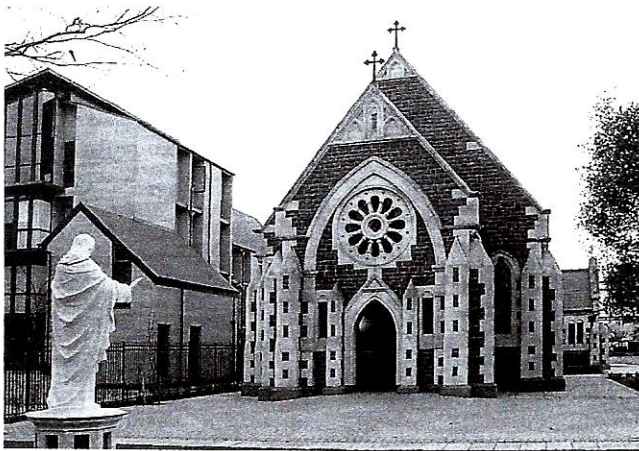


AWARD:

Restoration of The Coachman Building Awarded to: N.F.I. Ltd

Principal Contractors: Cosgrove Major Lincolne Scott and Belvue Development Co Ltd.

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of N.F.I. Ltd for the restoration and upgrading of the Coachman Inn Building, erected in 1902 to a design by Joseph Maddison – a well known Christchurch architect. The building, which is of significant heritage and character value, was saved from demolition upon its purchase in 1998. by the City Council. It was subsequently purchased by N.F.I. Ltd, which had it carefully restored and upgraded. The project provides a demonstration of how a neglected asset can be restored in a way that can be expected to be commercially viable and provide the community with a tangible link to its unique architectural heritage.



AWARD:

Restoration of The Rose Historic Chapel Awarded to: Christchurch City Council

Design Consultants: Designgroup Skews Ussher Architects and Holmes Consulting Group.

Principal Contractors: Fletcher Construction (seismic strengthening), Pender Electrical Ltd (rewiring), Aquaheat Industries Ltd (heating system), Aurora Lighting Ltd (lighting), Graham Stewart (restoration of stained glass windows), Headway Construction Ltd (building of service wing) and Brymac Industries Ltd (retiling of entry foyer).

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of the Christchurch City Council for the restoration and upgrading of the former St. Mary's Chapel that once was a key part of a large convent of the Sisters of Mercy who came to Christchurch in 1894. To save this neo-Gothic style chapel from demolition, the Christchurch City Council purchased the building and surrounding site in 1994 and subsequently spent nearly \$316,000 on restoration and conversion works to create a community centre that can be retained as an asset of significant heritage value.

AWARD

Restoration of The Sign of the Kiwi Awarded to: Lindsey and John Siggelkow

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of Lindsey and John Siggelkow for their high level of initiative and enterprise to promote the restoration and upgrading of the Sign of the Kiwi, originally built by Harry Ell in 1917 as a wayside inn on the Summit Road. Hurst Seager, a well-known Christchurch architect, designed the building. The efforts of Lindsey and John have both produced a fitting tribute to Harry Ell and given the community a clear demonstration of the principle that where there is a will, there is a way to safeguard assets of significant heritage and character value.

COMMENDATION:

Upgrading of Former Maisonette Houses, 12 – 20 BEALEY AVENUE Awarded to: Bealey Avenue Offices Ltd

Planning/Design Consultants: Tony Ussher, Davie Lovell-Smith, and Alan Reay

Principal Contractor: Hanham & Philp Contractors Ltd.

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of Bealey Avenue Offices Ltd for its high level of initiative and enterprise to upgrade three blocks of former maisonette housing, designed by Helmore and Cotterill. The buildings, erected in 1939-40, are listed as Group 3 heritage assets under the Christchurch City Plan. They have been carefully converted to retain their original external features and are now well used for small commercial enterprises. The project gives a commendable demonstration of how sound commercial judgement can be applied in harmony with the conservation and enhancement of heritage buildings, thereby enhancing the appeal of our garden city.

COMMENDATION:

High Street Revitalisation Project Awarded to: Christchurch City Council and The High Street Business and Community Association

Design Consultants: City Council Design Team

Principal Contractor: Programme Maintenance Services (painting), Systemtec (wiring cleanup), Hartnell Heatcool (flue removal/replacement) and Ross Coutts (builder)

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of the Christchurch City Council and the High Street Business and Community Association, for their collaborative initiatives and enterprise to help revitalise High Street between Tuam and Lichfield Streets. On both sides of that section of High Street there is a continuous array of elegant Victorian and Edwardian buildings. These buildings, which have been given a much-needed face-lift by means of restoration works and a co-ordinated colour scheme, are particularly valuable, as they are the last intact section of such buildings within the city's main retail area.

CATEGORY C: Engineering, environmental, transport and other key infrastructure projects that enhance city functions in an efficient, cost-effective, safe and environmentally friendly way.

AWARD

Woolston – Burwood Expressway – Green Corridor
Awarded to: Christchurch City Council

Design Consultants: City Streets Unit - Parks and Waterways Unit - City Solutions

Principal Contractors: *Stage 1a* Barry Foster Ltd (Preliminary Earthworks) – Citycare Ltd (Roading Contract); Waioira Forest Landscapes Ltd (Landscaping – east side)

Stage 1b Francis Construction / Isaac Construction (Earthworks and roading); Hopkins Engineering Ltd (Bridge)

Stage 2 Isaac Construction Ltd (Earthworks and roading)

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of the Christchurch City Council for this engineering – environmental project that enhances city functions in an efficient, cost-effective and environmentally friendly way. The Woolston - Burwood Expressway comprises a 4.3-km key link in Christchurch's ring road system, providing a strategic northern route to serve eastern suburbs of the city and the Port of Lyttelton. Through the construction of this project, a further benefit has been the provision of a well-landscaped corridor and ecological conservation areas along an interlinked system of waterways and drainage channels.

COMMENDATION

Lower Frees Creek Enhancement Scheme, Rehua Marae
Awarded to: Rehua Marae Trust and Christchurch City Council

Design Consultants: Rachel Barker, Ken Couling, Allan Watson and Howard Simpson, Christchurch City Council with Jeff Weston, private landscape architect.

Principal Contractor: City Care team – Brian Keown, Hunter Morton and Sue Jacobs

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of the Rehua Marae Trustees and the Christchurch City Council for their collaborative initiatives and enterprise to realign the Lower Frees Creek through the Marae grounds – thereby creating a much-valued landscaped amenity that restores the natural and historical ambience of the area. The end result is the creation of a unique cultural and environmental oasis that delights the eye and is a balm for those seeking insulation from city life and refreshment of the human spirit.

CATEGORY D: Special events and programmes that (i) serve to raise the community's awareness and appreciation of its heritage assets and/or (ii) promote a sustainable environment and the enjoyment of the city's physical attributes

COMMENDATION

The Arts Centre Market
Awarded to: Arts Centre of Christchurch

CITATION: The Civic Trust recognises the endeavours of the Arts Centre for its high level of initiative and enterprise to establish and manage a weekly market that serves to raise the community's awareness and appreciation of its heritage assets. It also promotes a sustainable environment and the enjoyment of the city's physical attributes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The site of the old Sydenham School (established 1871-2) has been purchased for redevelopment. Situated on Colombo, Brougham and Buchan Streets the school was once New Zealand's largest with up to 1500 pupils. Two of its most notable neighbours are the stone Sydenham Post Office (1912) and the old Methodist Church (1878) – also built of stone. Sydenham, once called the model borough of Christchurch, still has some interesting buildings deserving of retention and restoration as has been done in lower High Street. The Civic Trust has been in discussion with the developers to encourage them in their work to provide a precinct that will enhance the area and be done with sensitivity to its historic neighbours.

The proposal of the City Council to restore two-way traffic to Oxford Terrace-Lichfield Street – and to have no through traffic in the Oxford Terrace portion – has met with stiff opposition from business houses, St Michael's Church and motorists. The current east-west one-way route would be moved to Tuam Street. Some years ago the Civic Trust considered that Oxford Terrace is such a pleasant pedestrian area that removing the high volume road traffic would provide greater public benefit of the river precinct. It was also thought that as Lichfield Street had a significant collection of interesting buildings, a slower traffic two-way street would encourage suitable commercial redevelopment of this precinct. In this case, also, the one-way street would be moved to Tuam Street. Unfortunately, the success of the Lichfield Street carpark buildings, and the benefits derived from them by the adjoining retailers, may be largely attributed to the easy access to them. Clearly, easy access to central city businesses is vital to the financial health of the inner city.

LATIMER SQUARE PROJECT

The Christchurch City Council is seeking submissions on three options proposed for Latimer Square.

- Leave Worcester Street open through the middle of the Square as at present.
- Close Worcester Street to through traffic.
- Narrow Worcester Street, allowing two-way traffic, but removing car parks.

The Council wish to know why you favoured the option, what you liked about the Latimer Square, what you disliked about it, and what suggestions you may have to improve this Square.

Submissions close on 31 October 2002.

The Civic Trust has examined the issues involved and Board members voted in favour closing the Latimer Square section of Worcester Street. This decision was influenced by the following factors: –

1. The original well-designed city plan incorporated the twin squares of Latimer and Cranmer, both of which were undivided by roading. Both of these have served the community as valuable recreation areas in the past.
2. Since most public transport no longer terminates in Cathedral Square, and Worcester Boulevard (with its reduced vehicle capacity) now extended to Latimer Square, Worcester Street no longer provides a convenient access to the city centre. As other routes are available, this makes the road through Latimer Square unnecessary.
3. Removal of the road provides increased opportunity to make Latimer Square a more useful and attractive open space.
4. Worcester Boulevard, as an important axis through the centre of the city, requires significant civic attractions along its path and at each end. The west end terminates with the Museum and Arts Centre. The eastern terminal must now gain stature by creating some attraction worthy of this important axis. Without this, the extension of the Boulevard to Latimer Square will only lead to an anticlimax and not be worthy of the effort of walking it.
5. The city east of Colombo Street has, until recently, received little attention in terms of redevelopment. An attractive, useful and safe public open space in this area is most desirable for residents in this vicinity.

The following activities are to be supported by the Civic Trust and will be included in the Council's Heritage week brochure: –

“Talks and walks on hills, plain and shore.”

Sunday 20th October

Discover Hurst Seager's 'Garden Suburb' and the nearby Sumner coastline. Meet outside the Sumner Museum, Wakefield Ave 1pm. Following an illustrated introduction, enjoy a guided walk to the shore and over 'Clifton Spur'.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 21-24 October

Sign of the Kiwi. Harry Ell's legacy. Tea talk and walk. Meet for morning tea at the Sign of the Kiwi. Following a talk by a park ranger on geological, ecological and human history of the area, walk over a local track.

Thursday 24 October

Christchurch Civic Trust Contribution to Heritage Week. *Jonathan Mane-Wheoki will respond to the Heritage Week theme of "Layer upon layer of memory: historic sites in central Christchurch"* Suggestions will be given for an associated walkabout.

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All Members and friends of the Civic Trust are cordially invited to attend our Annual Awards Ceremony at which the Trust will present Awards to 12 recipients who have undertaken projects that greatly enhance the life and environment of Christchurch.

Date: Tuesday 15 October 2002

Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm

Venue: Debating Chamber

“Our City – O-Tautahi”

cnr Oxford Tce and Worcester Boulevard (on the east bank of the Avon River)

Entry to the evening is free of charge, but a donation towards the continuing work of the Trust would be greatly appreciated.

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