

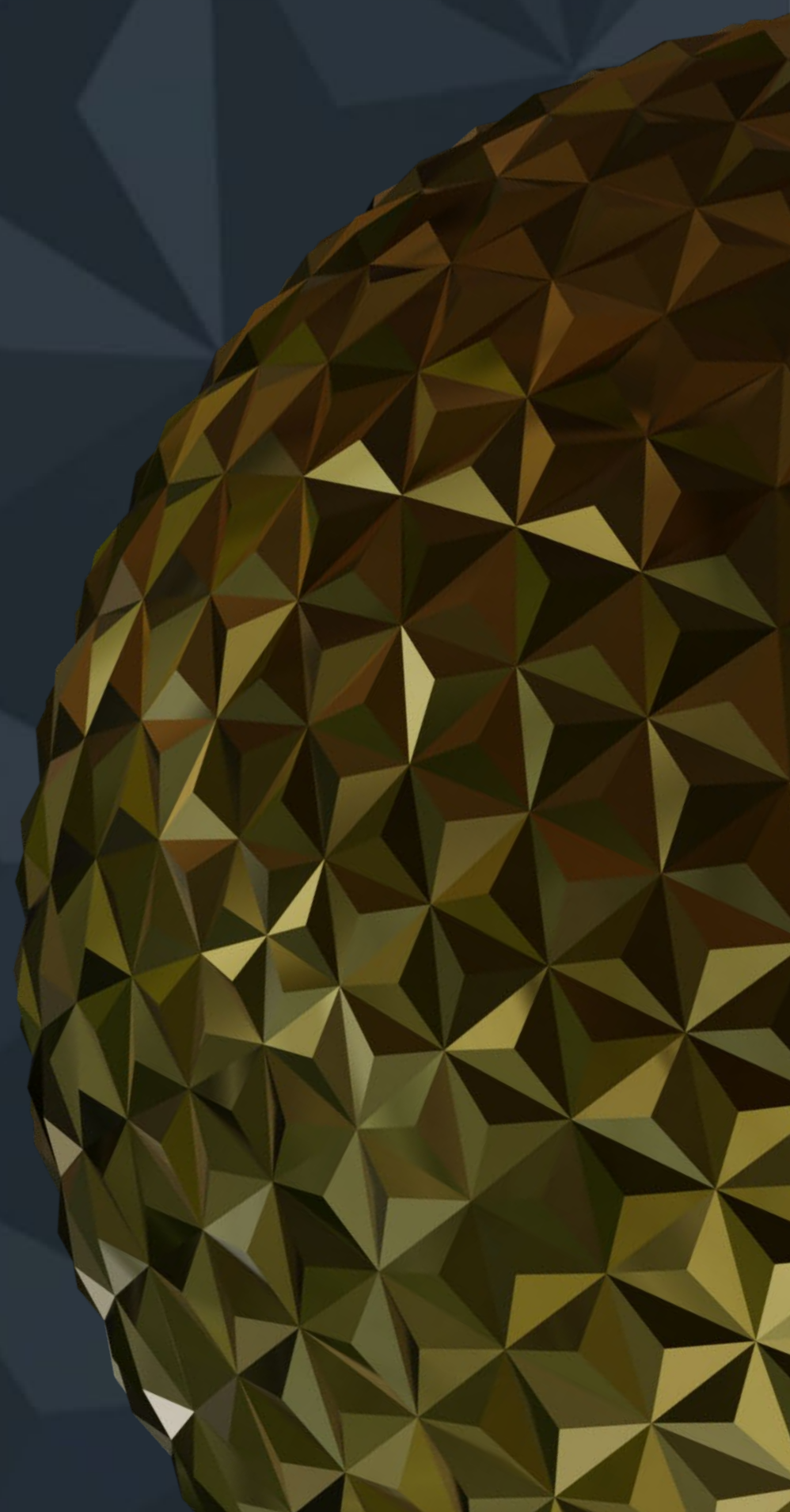


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Meet the Finalists

Showcasing professional excellence across the built environment



A message from the Chair of the Judging Panel

“The RICS New Zealand Awards showcase the people, professional standards and judgement behind projects and ideas that create lasting value across Aotearoa New Zealand’s built and natural environments.

RICS plays an important role in supporting confidence in our sector. Its emphasis on ethical practice, sound judgement and professional responsibility matters because our decisions shape places, communities, and long-term outcomes.

As Chair of the judging panel, I have been impressed by the quality and range of this year’s submissions. The strongest entries were not simply about size, profile, or budget. They showed clear thinking, collaboration, care, and outcomes that make a positive difference for clients, communities, and the places we live and work.

Every submission represented effort and pride in the work. Congratulations to all finalists and thank you to everyone who entered.”

Mark Grant MRICS

Head of Property and Commercial, TSB Bank Ltd



Judging Panel



Andrew Sweeney **MRICS**



Ben Meadows **MRICS**



Binil Davis **MRICS**



Deborah Levy **FRICS**



Donna Chapman **MRICS**



Geoff Matthews **MRICS**



Katie Reddish **MRICS**



Michael Holloway **FRICS**



Oli Wills **MRICS**



Robyn Phipps **FRICS**



Victoria Allan **MRICS**



Victoria Caseley **FRICS**

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Nominated for:
Quantity Surveying
Team of the Year

AECOM New Zealand Ltd | Parakiore Recreation & Sports Centre

AECOM's Quantity Surveying (QS) team provided independent commercial leadership on the Parakiore Recreation and Sport Centre for Crown Infrastructure Delivery (CID), the Crown delivery entity. Through complex delivery challenges, evolving commercial arrangements and sustained dispute risk, the team delivered robust, evidence-based cost advice that enabled project continuity, maintained contractual payment discipline and protected public funds. Structured entitlement assessment, transaction-level verification and consistent professional judgement established the QS team as a reference point for commercial robustness and fairness. Stable senior leadership, combined with deliberate development of emerging professionals through live project experience, ensured cost management delivery certainty throughout the project lifecycle.

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Nominated for:
Building
Consultancy Team
of the Year

ASJ Property Consultancy | Aged Care - Technical Due Diligence

ASJ paired their Building Surveying and Fire Engineering Teams to bring a new perspective to Technical Due Diligence - empowering their Client with sufficient knowledge to purchase assets with robust planning and long term ownership strategies.



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Nominated for:
Building
Consultancy Team
of the Year

Axiom Building Consultants

Axiom Building Consultants is a four-person team of building surveyors operating across Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch. Every instruction is delivered by a director and owner of the business, including strategic pre-purchase advice on over \$250 million of commercial property in the past 12 months. During that time we have also grown our business, developed our processes, and actively contributed to our profession, with all four directors qualifying as MBIE Rapid Damage Assessors, and two teaching the next generation of building surveyors through the NZIBS. We are small, focused, and confident that we set the highest standards in our profession.



Nominated for:
Real Estate Agency
Team of the Year

Bayleys | National Real Estate Divestment Programme

Bayleys proudly submits its National Delivery Team for RICS Real Estate Agency Team of the Year, underpinned by its role as Master Agent for Kāinga Ora's National Real Estate Divestment Programme—the largest and most complex real estate programme ever undertaken in New Zealand. Through a disciplined, nationally coordinated model, Bayleys has transacted hundreds of assets at pace, achieving strong outcomes with exceptional governance, consistency, innovation and social responsibility, fully aligned to RICS Ethical Standards and setting a new benchmark for large-scale agency delivery.

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Nominated for:
Property / Facilities
Management Team
of the Year

Bayleys Commercial Property Management – Harbour Grounds Team

The Bayleys Harbour Grounds team delivers exceptional property and facilities management across a 90,000sqm premium Auckland CBD portfolio. Through a fully integrated approach, the team combines operational excellence, sustainability leadership, and strong tenant partnerships to consistently outperform market benchmarks achieving operating costs over 13% below the CBD average. Innovative initiatives, including solar deployment, advanced energy management, and large-scale flood mitigation, demonstrate a proactive and forward-thinking approach. Backed by a dynamic wellbeing and community programme, the team creates vibrant, inclusive environments that support tenant retention, while delivering resilient, high-performing assets and long-term value for tenants, their employees and the building owners.



Nominated for:
Valuation Team of
the Year

Bayleys Valuations Limited

This nomination recognises the Bayleys Valuation Team for exceptional performance driven by strategic growth and operational excellence. Over the past year, the team significantly expanded its geographical footprint and service offering, successfully onboarding 16 new valuers and strengthening market presence nationally with the establishment of new capabilities, particularly in rural valuations. This growth was complemented by the adoption of innovative technology solutions, enhancing efficiency, consistency, and turnaround times without compromising professional standards. Throughout this period of rapid expansion, the team maintained strong governance, technical rigour, and independence, reflecting a continued commitment to professionalism and integrity.

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Nominated for:
Quantity Surveying
Team of the Year

Beca Limited

Beca's national Quantity Surveying team comprises more than 65 qualified professionals working collaboratively across New Zealand and the Pacific. The team delivers consistent, high-quality cost management services across defence, transport, aviation, vertical and horizontal infrastructure and international development projects. Operating under robust governance frameworks aligned with RICS Global Professional and Ethical Standards, the team provides trusted advice on estimating, procurement, risk, commercial management, sustainability and whole-of-life value. Through innovation, disciplined assurance processes and a strong people-first culture, Beca's Quantity Surveying team consistently delivers value for money, supports informed investment decisions and contributes positively to communities and the built environment.



Nominated for:
Valuation Team of
the Year

Beca Limited

The Beca Valuations Team is honoured to be nominated for the RICS Valuation Team of the Year 2026. We provide specialist valuation consultancy services across public and private sector portfolios in New Zealand, Australia, and the Pacific, supporting financial reporting, insurance, asset management, and strategic planning outcomes. Through strong collaboration, digital innovation, and disciplined technical practice, we strengthen audit confidence, apply scalable methodologies, and support data-driven decision-making for clients managing complex asset portfolios.

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Nominated for:
Property / Facilities
Management Team
of the Year

CBRE New Zealand | Majestic Centre, 100 Willis Street, Wellington

CBRE has been the property and facilities manager of the Majestic Centre, Wellington, since 2022, acting as owner Charter Hall's full-service on-the-ground partner. In 2024-25, CBRE successfully managed the refurbishment of the building's lobby and end-of-trip facilities: an eight-month occupied-building construction programme involving tenant communications, conflict resolution, design input and rigorous coordination with designers and contractors. The result is a market-leading transformation that has repositioned one of Wellington's most prominent commercial assets, helping to secure approximately 61% of the building's NLA through lease renewals and new deals and kicked off a comprehensive full upgrade programme targeting NABERS 4-5 star rating.



Nominated for:
Real Estate Agency
Team of the Year

CBRE New Zealand | Ruakura Superhub Partial Interest Sale

CBRE New Zealand's Auckland Capital Markets Team delivered some of the country's most significant real estate transactions in 2025, including the landmark partial sale of Ruakura Superhub to Brookfield Asset Management. In a constrained global capital environment, the team showed professionalism, innovation and collaboration in attracting offshore institutional investment to a complex opportunity. Their ability to structure a partnership supporting the long-term development of iwi-owned Ruakura Superhub, while maintaining competitive tension and execution certainty, set them apart. The result has unlocked more than \$1 billion of future development and strengthened New Zealand's reputation as a destination for global capital.

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Nominated for:
Valuation Team of
the Year

CBRE New Zealand | Ngai Tahu Portfolio

CBRE's valuation team is trusted by a high-profile group of corporate, institutional and public sector clients to deliver complex, multi-sector portfolio valuations across New Zealand. Mandates such as Ngāi Tahu Property and nationally significant public sector portfolios reflect sustained confidence in the team's ability to manage scale, complexity and reporting discipline. Its model combines sector specialists and local expertise with central governance, rigorous quality assurance and independent oversight aligned to international standards. Innovation through advanced modelling and shared data environments improves efficiency and consistency, enabling delivery of reliable, audit-ready valuation advice supporting critical investment, reporting and long-term asset management decisions.



Nominated for:
Project
Management
Team of the Year

Cedar Tree Building Consultants | Mosaic Building, 2-16

Wakefield Street, Auckland

Project Waka was a complex re-development of an 18-storey commercial building in Auckland's CBD, delivering seismic strengthening to 100% NBS, full refurbishment, and a 5 Star Green Star rating. Engaged early in delivery, Cedar Tree Building Consultants re-established control on a project under programme and cost pressure, addressing significant legacy issues and stakeholder turnover. Through disciplined governance, adaptive planning, and collaborative leadership, the team coordinated overlapping base-build and fitout works to achieve Practical Completion in December 2025. The result is a high-quality, sustainable workplace that revitalises its urban context, and demonstrates excellence in project management under challenging conditions.

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Nominated for:
Real Estate Advisory
Team of the Year

Colliers

The Colliers Strategic Advisory team, led by National Director Alain McKinney, is a high-performing specialist consultancy delivering strategic property advice across New Zealand. In 2025, they completed over 80 projects, including an estate-wide strategy for the Waitangi National Trust, a redevelopment feasibility study for Club Kelburn, and renewable energy advisory initiatives. Their work has unlocked long-term revenue opportunities, aligned complex stakeholder groups, and enabled sustainable, data-driven decision-making. Combining technical expertise, innovation, and a strong commitment to social and environmental outcomes, the team consistently delivers impactful, future-focused solutions.



Nominated for:
Building
Consultancy Team
of the Year

Hampton Jones Property Consultancy | Manukau Health Park

Elective Surgical Hospital (MESH) Re-cladding Project

Hampton Jones provided specialist building surveying and façade design services for the re-cladding of the Manukau Health Park Elective Surgical Hospital (MESH), part of Te Whatu Ora's \$316 million redevelopment. Working in a live hospital environment, the team led investigations, design, and construction monitoring to address systemic weathertightness issues and improve long-term durability. Early identification of hidden structural decay and advocacy for a high-performance, continuous building envelope reduced cost escalation, programme risk, and future maintenance exposure. We acknowledge our build partner, Built Environs, whose collaborative approach supported a successful outcome and strong client satisfaction.

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Nominated for:
Quantity Surveying
Team of the Year

Hampton Jones Property Consultancy | Auckland Recovery

Office's Category 2P and Category 3 Storm Recovery Programmes

The Hampton Jones Quantity Surveying team delivered exceptional services across the Auckland Recovery Office's Category 2P and Category 3 storm recovery programmes over 20 months, following the devastating 2023 severe weather events. A team of seven experienced QS professionals independently assessed approximately 450 homeowner flood claims and provided ongoing cost estimation and commercial oversight for property mitigation works. Operating under significant time pressure and public scrutiny, the team demonstrated outstanding professionalism, transparency, and adaptability - helping hundreds of Auckland families return to safer, more resilient homes while ensuring the responsible and accountable stewardship of ratepayer and Crown funds throughout.



Nominated for:
Quantity Surveying
Team of the Year

KiwiRail Holdings Limited | Drury Rail Stations (DRS)

The KiwiRail Drury Rail Stations (DRS) Commercial Team—led by Ronel Meyburgh with Quantity Surveyors Santharuban Navarathnam, Chulika Dasanayake, and Endah England—demonstrated outstanding leadership in delivering the Paerata and Drury Stations within approved budgets while progressing Ngākōroa Station. Through proactive risk management, accurate cost planning, and innovative use of technology, the team successfully managed complex challenges throughout the project. Their commitment to ethical practice, collaboration, sustainability, and consistent delivery of exceptional commercial outcomes under challenging conditions makes them highly deserving of this award and recognition. These projects have provided long-term transport, economic, and community benefits across the rapidly growing South Auckland region.

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Nominated for:
Building
Consultancy Team
of the Year

Maynard Marks | Selwyn District Council (SDC) Building Condition Surveys and Renewals and Maintenance Planning

Maynard Marks successfully delivered a comprehensive Building Condition Survey and 30-year Long Term Maintenance Planning programme for Selwyn District Council, covering a large and diverse portfolio of community, operational and public buildings across one of New Zealand's largest geographic districts. The multidisciplinary team combined building surveying, quantity surveying and environmental expertise, to provide robust, decision-ready condition data and financially actionable maintenance plans. Delivered on time and within agreed scope and budget, the programme gives Council confidence to plan ahead, spend smarter, and stay ahead of risk, setting a strong foundation for looking after essential community assets, long term.



Nominated for:
Project
Management Team
of the Year

Ministry of Education, Beca Limited, Form Building & Developments and AECOM | Te Kura Rau Iti

Te Kura Rau Iti is a new Years 0–6 primary school in Flat Bush, Auckland, delivered for the Ministry of Education to meet rapid roll growth. Accommodating up to 700 learners, the project successfully balances cost discipline, high-quality design, and cultural authenticity on a complex, environmentally constrained site. Through innovative master planning, reference-led design, and collaborative delivery, the team overcame significant geotechnical, programme, and change challenges to deliver a future-ready, culturally grounded school. Te Kura Rau Iti sets a benchmark for resilient, value-driven public-sector project delivery.

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Nominated for:
Project
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of the Year

RCP Project Management Team | Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui - Wellington Central Library Redevelopment

Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui, Wellington Central Library, has been returned to the city as a strengthened, decarbonised, culturally enriched civic landmark. Project managed by RCP for Wellington City Council, the \$218m redevelopment was completed on time and on budget, achieving 100% NBS (IL3) base isolation, 5-Star Green Star Design certification, a 28% embodied carbon reduction, and one of Aotearoa's most comprehensive civic mana whenua co-design programmes. The building reopened in March 2026 to thousands of Wellingtonians reclaiming their library.



Nominated for:
Project
Management
Team of the Year

RDT Pacific

The RDT Pacific BNZ Theatre Project Delivery Team is recognised for leadership and professionalism in delivering BNZ Theatre, a complex civic project completed in 2025. The team provided sustained project stewardship across planning, procurement, and delivery, maintaining robust governance and disciplined controls through stakeholder complexity, heritage and public-realm interfaces, and COVID-related disruption. Through clear accountability, structured contract administration, and collaborative engagement - including meaningful partnership to embed cultural narratives and art integration - the team enabled a flexible performing arts venue designed for long-term civic value. The project demonstrates excellence in leadership, teamwork, innovation, sustainability, and outcomes under challenging conditions.

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Nominated for:
Research Team of
the Year

School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington |

Adapting NZ homes for Flood Resilience

Flood is New Zealand's most significant natural hazard, causing loss of life, homes, and communities. Currently, flood cleanups account for 97% of the cost of a flood, and 3% is spent on adapting homes to increase resilience. Managed retreat incurs huge financial and carbon costs, and more sustainable strategies to increase the flood resilience of homes are urgently needed. Using detailed flood risk maps and forensic assessments from past flood events, we are generating advice tailored for house-scale adoption strategies. This includes extensive collaboration with adjacent disciplines.



Nominated for:
Research Team of
the Year

School of Built Environment, Massey University |

CanConstructNZ Research Programme

CanConstructNZ is a research and development programme aiming to establish an enduring facility for reliable views of sector workload and the capacity and capability of the sector to deliver pipeline projects to enable stability and balance to be brought to the sector. The research team achievements culminate in the creation of a smart tool that enables a deeper understanding and comparison of demand and supply dynamics for the construction sector. Our research team is very proud of achievement that carries the real potentials to dramatically improve New Zealand construction sector for the benefit of the sector and all New Zealanders.

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Strategic Planning Co Limited

Strategic Planning Co. is a New Zealand project controls consultancy recognised for integrating planning, commercial management, digital delivery, and dispute-grade analysis into live infrastructure delivery environments. The team deployed iBOQ and StratApps across major projects including KiwiRail's Ngakōroa Station and Auckland Transport's Rosedale Bus Station. These platforms combined programme management, 3D model integration, ICMS costing structures, AI-powered querying, and browser-based project controls tools to improve procurement clarity, delivery certainty, and stakeholder collaboration. Alongside measurable programme quality outcomes and more than \$20 million in substantiated dispute work, SPC demonstrated a modern, multidisciplinary approach to project management and project controls delivery.

Nominated for:
Project
Management
Team of the Year



Strategic Planning Co Limited | Interactive Bill of Quantities (iBOQ)

Strategic Planning Co. is a New Zealand project controls consultancy recognised for developing iBOQ, an innovative live commercial platform transforming traditional BOQ workflows. Deployed on major infrastructure tenders including KiwiRail's Ngakōroa Station and Auckland Transport's Rosedale Bus Station, iBOQ integrates 3D model data, programme-linked quantities, ICMS costing structures, Uniclass classification, and AI-powered querying within a single connected environment. The platform improves procurement certainty, reduces commercial ambiguity, and creates lifecycle continuity from tender through to delivery and dispute substantiation. Combined with dispute-grade methodology and internationally aligned standards, SPC's multidisciplinary team is redefining modern quantity surveying practice in New Zealand.

Nominated for:
Quantity Surveying
Team of the Year

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Nominated for:
Property / Facilities
Management Team
of the Year

Te Toi Mahana | Te Toi Mahana FM Team

Te Toi Mahana's Facilities Management team transformed social housing operations across a 2,000-property portfolio supporting 3,000 residents. Over 12 months, the team has realigned roles to the need, improved operational visibility, appointed a new service provider and introduction of KPI-driven accountability to strengthen performance. Key achievements included reducing vacant home turnaround times from 138 days to 40 days, lowering refurbishment costs, improving tenant wellbeing, and embedding sustainability initiatives such as appliance reuse and lifecycle-focused planning. Through strong collaboration, innovation, and a people-first approach, the team has strengthened asset performance, tenant outcomes, and the long-term resilience of Wellington's social housing system.



Nominated for:
Project
Management Team
of the Year

Unispace | Mosaic, Auckland

Mosaic is Auckland's newest premium workplace offering, delivering a truly unique occupier experience. Located in mid-town, Auckland CBD, Mosaic redefines what a traditional co-working experience looks like. Occupier experience is at the forefront of the design with world-class amenities, including a golf simulator, podcast studio, fitness studio and large event hosting space. An extensive Strategy engagement grounded in data and research determined the spatial planning, resulting in a variety of worksettings from private offices, co-working hubs to full-fitted turnkey suites. Designed and delivered on-budget, on-time by the Unispace strategy, design and construction project team.

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Unispace & Cedar Tree | Mosaic, Auckland

Cedar Tree and Unispace provided integrated building consultancy services for the upgrade, development, and design of Mosaic, Auckland. Cedar Tree led the delivery of a full base-build refurbishment, providing project management and Engineer to the Contract services to achieve seismic strengthening to 100% NBS and coordinate complex construction works. In parallel, Unispace led the leasing and go-to-market strategy in partnership with the client, using data-led insights to inform interior design and occupier experience. Unispace designed and delivered the interior fit-out on time and on budget, resulting in a distinctive, hospitality-led workplace environment responsive to modern occupier needs.

Nominated for:
Building
Consultancy Team
of the Year



Unispace & RCP | BNZ Place, 80 Queen Street, Auckland

Transforming 19-levels into a connected, energetic campus for BNZ Place, 80 Queen Street, Auckland. The 21,000sqm building has been turned into a functional, fit-for-purpose homebase that brings the leading bank's 1,800 Auckland city-based staff together in one place. Focused on people, movement and connection, the aim of BNZ's new HQ was to provide strong social, collaboration and wellness spaces to give their people more than just a workplace. A genuine reflection of BNZ's commitment to helping New Zealander's find a better way, 80 Queen Street has been transformed into a beacon for the bank's customers, colleagues and the community.

Nominated for:
Project
Management Team
of the Year

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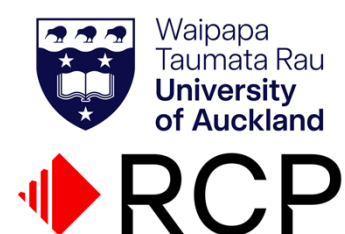
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Property / Facilities
Management Team
of the Year

Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland

The Campus Environment Division is responsible for planning, delivering and operating a complex university estate. Bringing together property development, capital works, facilities management, sustainability, commercial, accommodation, retail, events, sport & recreation and early childhood education centres, the team manages the full asset and service lifecycle with end-to-end accountability of day-to-day operations across a diverse and continually active campus. Through collaboration, professionalism and integrated delivery, the team has improved service performance, advanced sustainability outcomes and created welcoming, resilient campus environments that support learning, wellbeing and community connection.

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Nominated for:
Project
Management
Team of the Year

Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland and RCP |

Old Choral Hall

The Old Choral Hall Team delivered the conservation, seismic strengthening and adaptive reuse of one of Auckland's most significant heritage buildings. Through disciplined professional project management, ethical leadership and collaborative problem-solving, the team navigated complex latent conditions, reinstated the historic Symonds Street portico, and integrated heritage discoveries and artefacts into the completed building. The project balanced heritage protection, sustainability, biodiversity enhancement and financial accountability to deliver a future-ready academic and workplace facility within budget. Old Choral Hall now stands as a resilient civic landmark, demonstrating excellence and setting a benchmark for project management of heritage projects in the education sector.



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Nominated for:
Property / Facilities
Management Team
of the Year

WSP New Zealand and Z Energy | Asset Management

Framework Improvement Programme

WSP is supporting Z Energy to transform its approach to real estate and asset decision-making through integrated strategic advisory. Working across a complex national portfolio, WSP is working with Z energy to embed a structured asset management capability aligned to global best practice, enabling improved governance and data-informed, risk-based investment decisions.

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Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Alex Vakhrousheva | Conservation Architecture Specialist,
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

Alex is a Conservation Architecture Specialist currently working for Crown Agency Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga who has demonstrated excellence in her field of built heritage and conservation for the duration of her emerging career. She is the youngest current holder of RICS BCAS (Building Conservation Accreditation Scheme) in New Zealand, of which there are only five current members. Alex's passion, diligence, and advocacy for architectural conservation has ensured that heritage buildings and structures will always have a voice and ensures our cultural heritage is futureproofed for the next generation to enjoy.



Nominated for:
Construction
Professional of
the Year

Annamalai (Andy) Alagappan | Director,
Strategic Planning Co Limited

Andy Alagappan is a New Zealand project controls specialist, Director of Strategic Planning Co., founder of iBOQ and StratApps, host of the Yarns with Andy podcast, and an Expert Witness with the Construction Dispute Resolution Board (NZ). He led the deployment of connected digital project controls methodologies across major infrastructure projects including KiwiRail's Ngakōroa Station and Auckland Transport's Rosedale Bus Station. His work integrates planning, commercial management, AI-powered delivery platforms, and dispute-grade analysis to improve procurement certainty and delivery outcomes. Through digital innovation, adjudication expertise, and industry leadership, Andy is helping modernise project controls and construction delivery in New Zealand.

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Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Briar Sutherland | Senior Project Manager, RCP

Briar Sutherland is a Senior Project Manager and architectural designer at RCP whose work represents project and delivery excellence across the property (vertical) development sector. She brings a unique skill set, honed across her time in the industry, that combines administrative, technical, contractual and design management expertise. Briar is constantly curious and seeks better, more efficient solutions across the projects she delivers. She leads a young, predominantly female team, mentors the next generation of project managers, and consistently delivers buildings that are beautiful, commercially disciplined and built around the wellbeing of the people who use them.



Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Dr. Atie Ahmadi | Lecturer in Project Management, Victoria University of Wellington

Dr Atie Ahmadi is an emerging leader in built environment project management, recognised for her contribution to education, research, professional standards, and sector capability-building. Since completing her PhD in 2019, she has educated hundreds of future project managers across New Zealand and led innovative research addressing construction safety, emergency decision-making, agile project delivery, and Pacific infrastructure capability. Her work combines VR, serious games, EEG, IoT, Agile Project Management, and industry collaboration to improve how people and teams behave in complex built environment settings. Her leadership demonstrates excellence, innovation, professionalism, and long-term social impact.

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Nominated for:
Construction
Professional of
the Year

Graeme Ward | Director, RDT Pacific

Graeme Ward, Director at RDT Pacific, led delivery of BNZ Theatre - Hamilton's landmark 1,300-seat, \$108.6 million civic performing arts venue - across ten years of governance, procurement, and contract administration. As Overall Project Manager and Engineer to the Contract, Graeme navigated heritage conservation, cultural partnership with mana whenua, and complex staging on a live CBD site to achieve Practical Completion in November 2025. His disciplined cost management and strategic use of contract tools - including separable portions for staged completion - reflect the highest professional standards. Graeme also provides programme-level oversight for the University of Waikato, demonstrating repeatable senior leadership excellence.



Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Harrison Boles | Senior Cost Manager, Turner & Townsend

Harrison Boles, a Senior Cost Manager, began his career while at university, progressing from Assistant Cost Manager to Graduate and then to Cost Manager following his degree in 2022. Through consistent performance and strong mentorship, he has developed into a trusted commercial adviser. Over the past year, Harrison operated in a senior capacity prior to his formal promotion last month, delivering significant client savings, accurate cost outcomes and consistent commercial oversight on complex projects. He is recognised for combining technical excellence with innovation, collaboration and a strong commitment to long term value, positioning him as an emerging leader.

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Nominated for:
Woman of the Built
Environment Award

Jamie Shackleton | Community Development Manager, Te Toi Mahana

Jamie Shackleton is Manager of Community Development at Te Toi Mahana, the largest residential landlord and leading provider of affordable homes in Pōneke. Working with the Trust since it was established in 2023, she leads a team that builds strong communities among some 3000 tenants across the city. A recognised leader in the field, her work has attracted interest from practitioners, policy researchers and governments. In 2025, she was a key influence on the landmark Māori Wellbeing: A Guide for Housing Providers report, which aims to create spaces, places and connections that uplift the mana and mauri of Māori tenants.



Nominated for:
Property
Professional of
the Year

Jonathan Manns FRICS | Chief Executive Officer, Te Toi Mahana

Jonathan Manns is Chief Executive of Te Toi Mahana, the largest and leading provider of affordable homes in Wellington. He has led the Trust to quickly become an example of how a professionally led, culturally responsive and financially sustainable community housing provider can operate at scale. Appointed in February 2025, Jon led the organisation through a fast-paced and critical transition from establishment-phase entity to credible and growing provider.

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Nominated for:
Construction
Professional of the
Year

Laura Hebdon | Hawke's Bay Office Manager, RCP

Laura Hebdon is a Senior Project Manager and Hawke's Bay Manager at RCP, and a UK Registered Architect who has brought rare technical depth into client-side project management. Laura led the on-time, on-budget delivery of the \$290 million Te Rua Archives, one of New Zealand's most technically demanding public projects and a 5 Green Star, seismically resilient national facility. She has also led reference design for the Waterloo Station and Bus Interchange and the Civic Square City to Sea Bridge redesign. Beyond project delivery, Laura is a vocal advocate for women in the built environment.



Nominated for:
Woman of the Built
Environment

Laura Hebdon | Hawke's Bay Office Manager, RCP

Laura Hebdon is RCP's Hawke's Bay Manager and a Senior Project Manager. A UK Registered Architect who transitioned into project management, she led the on-time, on-budget delivery of the \$290 million Te Rua Archives, one of New Zealand's most technically complex public projects. In late 2025 she was promoted to lead RCP's Hawke's Bay business, recognising her leadership capability and the strategic importance of the region. Laura is a vocal advocate for women in the built environment, founder of an industry-wide women's golf network, and a long-standing supporter of mentorship and equity across the profession.

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Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Lucie Kendall | Building Surveyor & Project Manager,
Colliers Project Leaders

Lucie Kendall, a Building Surveyor & Project Manager at Colliers Project Leaders in Auckland, is a high-performing early-career professional who has demonstrated exceptional technical expertise and leadership. Over the past two years, she has delivered impactful projects including portfolio-wide condition assessments for the Masonic Villages Trust, accessible infrastructure at Auckland's Target Road School, and critical due diligence on a Christchurch commercial asset. Her work has improved decision-making, enhanced accessibility, reduced costs, and mitigated risk. Combined with her innovation, sustainability leadership, and commitment to industry development and inclusion, Lucie consistently goes above and beyond, making her a deserving award recipient.



Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Madeleine Longson | Senior Project Manager, RCP

Madeleine is a Senior Project Manager at RCP. Having worked in client-side project management for 4 years delivering complex vertical projects across Auckland Airport's Terminal Enabling programme and the Kenneth Myers Centre heritage restoration, she has proven herself as a fast learner and competent leader by providing consistently high-quality service to her clients and contractors. Her considerable growth has led her to now hold responsibility beyond her years in the construction, quality and consenting management spaces.

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Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Mark Simento | Senior Project Manager, RCP

Mark Simento is a high-performing Senior Project Manager delivering complex public-sector infrastructure projects across New Zealand. He provides client-side project and programme management services for Auckland Council, National Infrastructure Funding and Financing (NIFF), and Watercare, working across parks, public realm, storm recovery, and climate adaptation programmes. Mark is trusted to act in Principal and Engineer's Representative roles across construction, consultancy, and professional services contracts, consistently delivering well-governed, value-led outcomes in the public interest. Beyond project delivery, he is Co-Chair of Infrastructure New Zealand's Auckland TIC Committee, actively supporting industry collaboration and the development of emerging infrastructure professionals.



Nominated for:
Construction
Professional of
the Year

Max Mayer | Senior Project Manager, WT New Zealand

Max Mayer, Senior Project Manager at WT New Zealand, is recognised for his leadership of the Qantas Auckland International Premium Lounge project. Delivering within a live international terminal, Max navigated complex regulatory, safety and operational constraints to successfully complete a major premium hospitality fit-out. Through disciplined programme control, technical judgement and collaborative leadership, he resolved critical compliance challenges, led a strategic shift to continuous construction and delivered the lounge ahead of the revised programme. The project stands as a benchmark for individual project management excellence in one of New Zealand's most operationally constrained construction environments.

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Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Mitch Iles | Senior Quantity Surveyor, WT New Zealand

WT is proud to nominate Mitch Iles, Senior Quantity Surveyor, for RICS Young Achiever of the Year. At 28, Mitch has already built a strong reputation for technical diligence, ethical judgement and calm commercial leadership. Mitch has helped deliver measurable commercial outcomes on major projects, strengthened client reporting, supported junior staff and contributed to WT-wide improvements. He represents the future of the profession: capable, considered, commercially sharp and genuinely trusted by clients and colleagues.



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of the Year

Olivia Brinsdon | Manager Rehousing Operation, Te Toi Mahana

Olivia Brinsdon is a highly capable and respected emerging leader in the housing sector, with a proven track record of delivering results, building strong relationships, and leading with integrity and purpose. Olivia joined the Social Housing team at Te Toi Mahana as a Tenancy Advisor in 2022 and is now the Manager of Rehousing Operations, leading a strong team to support tenants through significant transitions, and effectively minimising delays to redevelopment programmes. She is recognised as an Emerging Achiever 2026 by Property Council New Zealand.

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Nominated for:
Woman of the Built
Environment Award

Professor Suzanne Wilkinson | Dean, Faculty of Design and
Creative Technologies, Auckland University of Technology (AUT)

Professor Suzanne Wilkinson, Dean of the Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies, is a global leader in infrastructure resilience, disaster recovery, and sustainable construction. Her work following the Christchurch earthquakes helped redefine “Build Back Better” approaches, improving how cities recover and plan for the future. Through internationally recognised research and leadership, she has influenced policy, industry practice, and education. She champions net-zero and circular built environments, and leads global collaboration through CIB W124. Bridging academia, industry, and government, she consistently delivers real-world impact, advancing more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive built environments.



Nominated for:
Construction
Professional of
the Year

S.M. Asanka Sanjaya Kumara MRICS | Commercial Lead,
4C Services Limited

Asanka is a Chartered Member and an experienced Commercial Lead and Quantity Surveyor with over 26 years of international and local experience across major infrastructure projects. He played a key role in procurement, commercial management, and contract administration, ensuring KiwiRail’s Papakura to Pukekohe (P2P) Electrification Programme was delivered on budget. His experience, inclusive teamwork, and strong ethical standards contributed to effective project delivery. Working with a diverse team of more than 25 nationalities and iwi partners, Asanka uplifted contractor capability, supported social and sustainability outcomes, and consistently applied RICS principles. His professionalism and integrity make him highly deserving of this award.

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Nominated for:
Woman of the Built
Environment Award

Samadhi Samarasekara MRICS | Director & Commercial Lead,
Team4 Management and Consultants Limited

Dr Samadhi Samarasekara is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and a Commercial Lead at a New Zealand-based consultancy, delivering strategic commercial advisory, cost intelligence, and risk-led financial solutions for complex developments. With over 16 years of international experience across New Zealand, the UAE, and Sri Lanka, she is recognised for combining technical expertise with commercially driven leadership. Leading a team of Quantity Surveyors, she has delivered measurable outcomes in procurement strategy, contract administration, funding support, and cost optimisation while driving strong consultancy growth. Her work continues to demonstrate innovation, resilience, and commercial excellence within the construction industry.



Nominated for:
Emerging Achiever
of the Year

Samurdhi Edirisuriya | Project Manager, Beca

A Project Manager with global experience, Samurdhi brings a consistent ethos of improving systems to support accountable, high-quality outcomes. Working on a major infrastructure project, she spearheaded the development and rollout of an internal integrated contract-administration-management system, replacing fragmented registers within a single automated environment. The system strengthens accountability and information clarity, delivers meaningful time and cost efficiencies, improves client delivery outcomes, and frees team members to focus on higher-value work. Combining her technical background with ethical responsibility, she continues to invest in the profession through her educational and voluntary contributions, supporting long-term capability in the built environment.

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Nominated for:
Woman of the Built
Environment Award

Sharon Tran | Founder, Prominence Property Limited

Sharon is a visionary property developer and leader at Prominence Property Limited, recognised for delivering beautifully designed homes that enhance communities and create lasting value across Auckland. Her projects consistently achieve outstanding results, with all developments successfully sold and highly regarded by buyers for their quality, functionality, and timeless design. Sharon is deserving of this award for her innovative thinking, professionalism, and commitment to excellence at every stage of the development process. Through strong leadership, collaboration, and a people-focused approach, she has transformed neighbourhoods and delivered exceptional customer experiences.



Nominated for:
Woman of the Built
Environment Award

Yen Lee | Senior Cost Manager, Beca

Yen Lee is a Senior Cost Manager supporting Auckland Airport's International Check-in Terminal upgrade, a once-in-a-generation transformation of New Zealand's gateway to the world. Delivering within a live international terminal, the project is reshaping how millions of travelers begin their journeys, while keeping people safe, informed, and moving every day. Yen brings calm, trusted commercial leadership to a highly visible and complex environment, helping teams balance cost discipline with real human experience. Through collaboration, clear thinking, and practical problem-solving, she is helping Auckland Airport deliver a future-ready check-in experience that works for travelers and the people behind the scenes.

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Official Awards Dinner and
Presentation Ceremony

The winners of RICS New Zealand Awards 2026 will be announced and celebrated at the official Dinner & Presentation Ceremony, to be held at the **Park Hyatt Auckland**, on Wednesday 26 August 2026.

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The evening includes **presentation ceremony, 2 course dinner and drinks throughout.**

Business attire event.



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