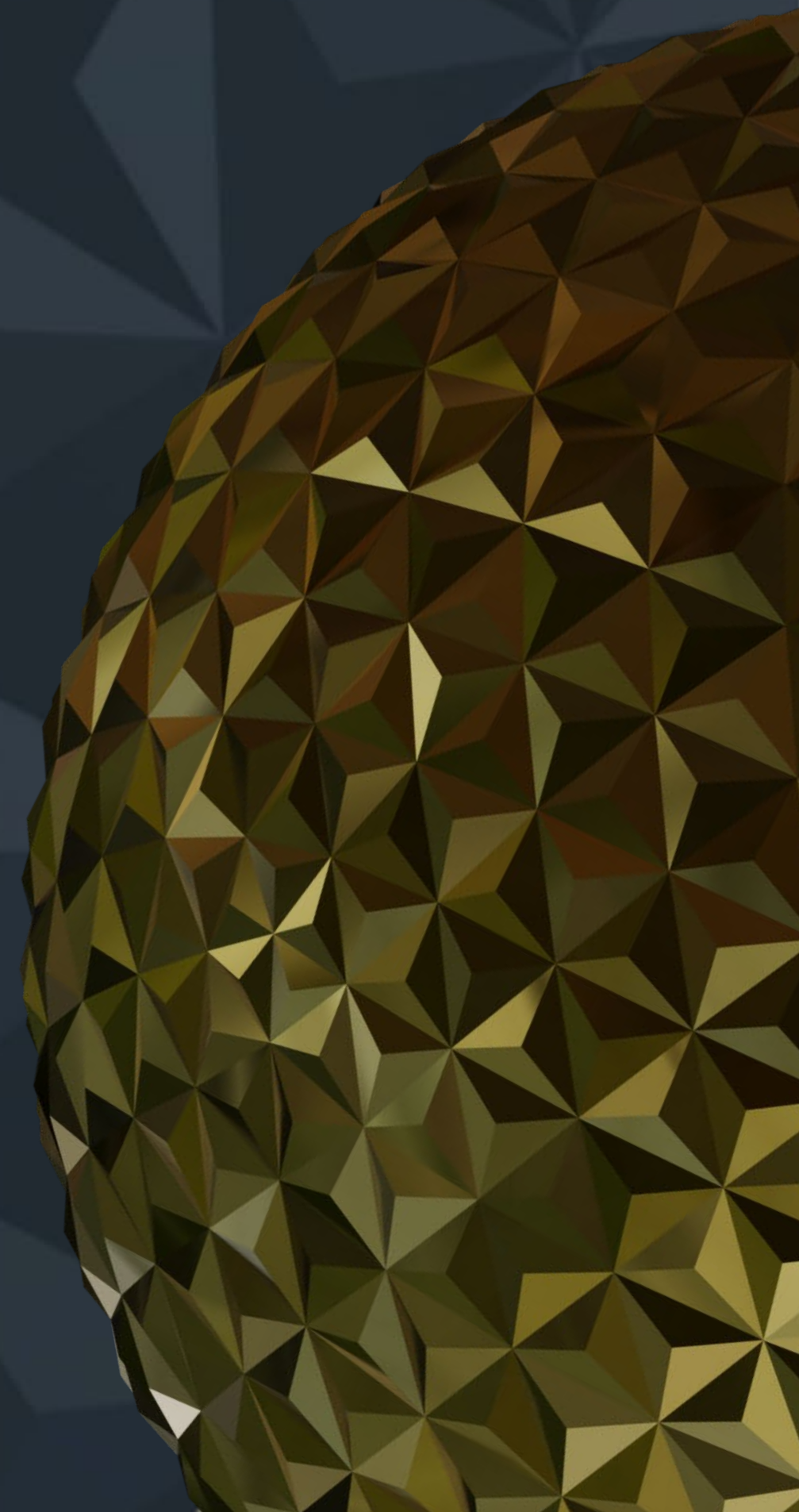




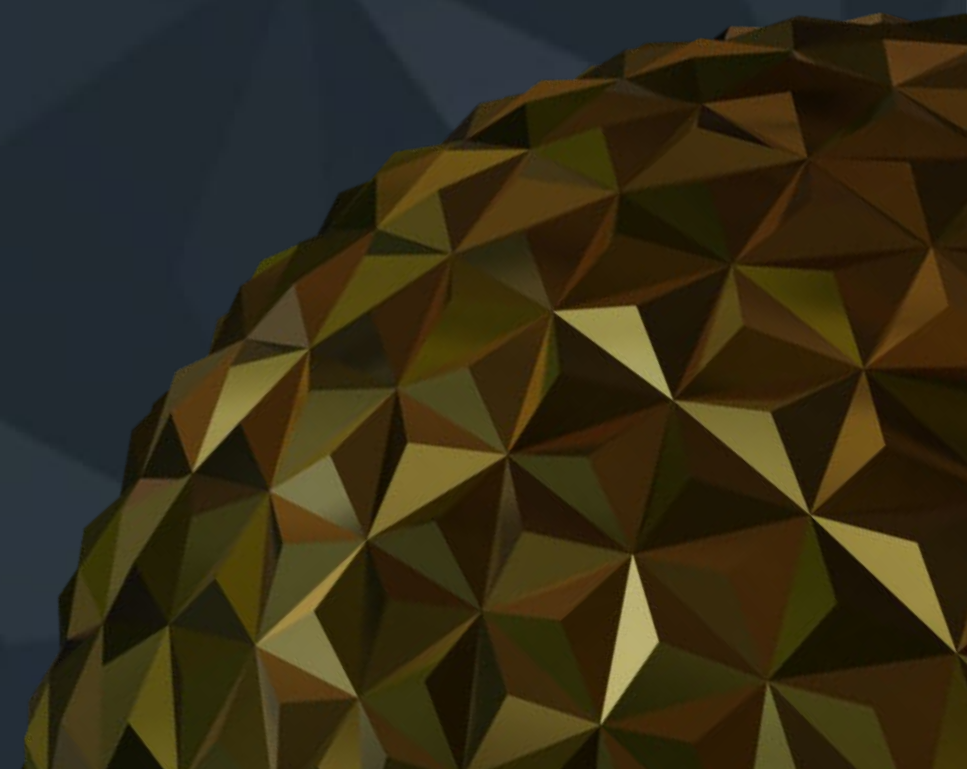
# New Zealand

## Winners

Showcasing professional excellence across the built environment



# Lifetime Achievement Award



# Recipient

Rob Hall FRICS

Transformation Lead - Asset Management and Maintenance at  
Kāinga Ora, Homes and Communities

Rob is the Transformation Lead, Asset Management and Maintenance at Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities, where he is instrumental in reshaping and transforming asset management practices and the way maintenance is delivered to c75,000 state owned properties in New Zealand. In the little spare time he has, he is also a senior officer in the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve where he is the Commander of Naval Personnel and Training. Prior to taking up his role at Kāinga Ora, Rob was the CEO of Development Christchurch Limited (DCL), where he led a team focussed on supporting development opportunities and facilitating investment into Christchurch with the goal of contributing towards making Christchurch a modern world class city. Prior to this, Rob has held a number of leadership roles in New Zealand and abroad responsible for infrastructure development and management. Rob is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and has also been a Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management. He has held a number of governance roles, including Deputy Chair of the New Zealand Registered Architects Board and the Arts Centre of Christchurch, Canterbury SPCA, St Andrews College and Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust.

## Lifetime Achievement Award



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Lifetime Achievement Award: Ceremony speech

Delivered by **Andrew Buckingham MRICS**, 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, at the RICS New Zealand Awards ceremony on Thursday 21 August 2025, held at the JW Marriott, Auckland.



I am truly delighted to be presenting this year’s RICS Lifetime Achievement Award – this award recognises individuals whose careers stand as an example of excellence, service, and lasting contribution – not just to our profession, but to the communities we serve.

This year’s recipient is someone whose career reflects exactly that spirit. Their leadership, service, and impact have been felt not only across New Zealand, but around the world.

Today, they lead transformation in asset management and maintenance, reshaping how thousands of homes are cared for across New Zealand. Their vision and dedication are ensuring that families live in safe, well-maintained, and sustainable housing.

Their career journey has been remarkable. They have served as a leader supporting development opportunities and facilitating investment into Christchurch; they have driven major infrastructure projects both in New Zealand and overseas, and led award-winning teams recognised internationally for excellence.

But their commitment to service extends far beyond these roles. They also serve their country as a senior officer in the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve. This builds on a distinguished naval career that included service in peace support operations in Bougainville, recovery efforts in Samoa following Cyclone Val, and Antarctic survey missions contributing to climate change knowledge.

They are a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors – a recognition of their commitment to the very highest standards of our profession. Their contributions to RICS here in New Zealand have been outstanding: from serving on the RICS NZ Committee and the Christchurch Committee, serving as Chair of the Awards Judges Panel, contributing articles to RICS journals, hosting local member events, organising speakers and contributing as a regular panellist for market outlook events.

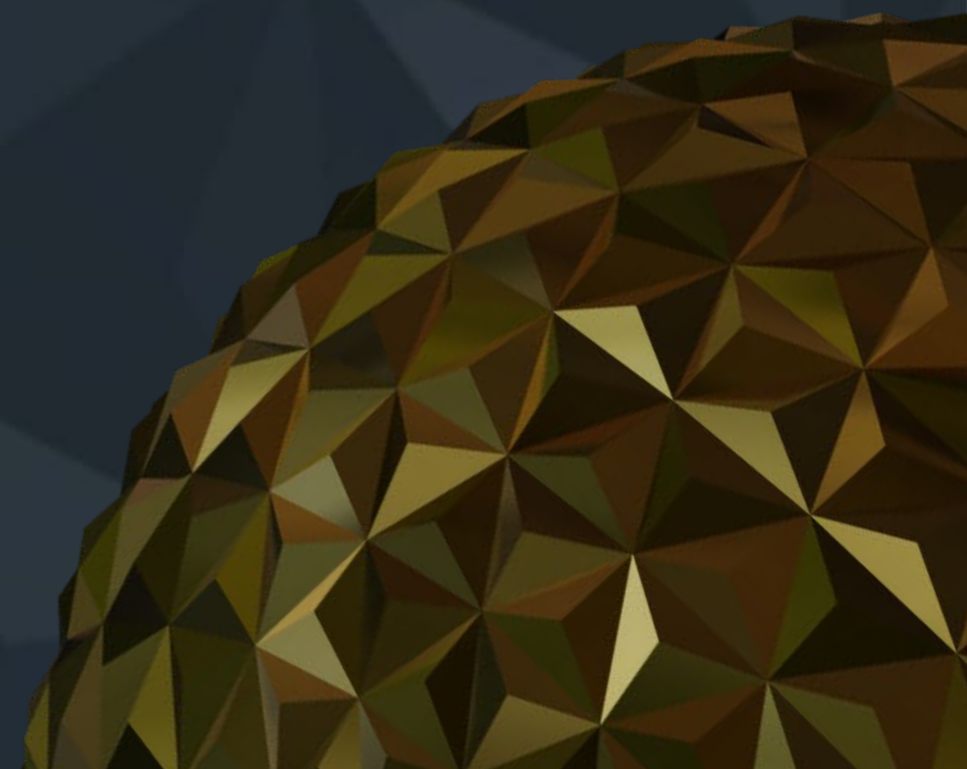
And their contributions do not stop there. Their sense of service extends into the community. They have held governance roles with the NZ Registered Architects Board, the Arts Centre of Christchurch, the Canterbury SPCA, St Andrews College, and the Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust – to name a few. Each of these roles reflects their values of leadership, compassion, and commitment to making a difference.

When you step back and look at their career and service, a clear theme emerges of leadership, resilience, an unwavering commitment to building stronger communities, and a profound sense of responsibility to others.

And in that, they perfectly embody the values that sit at the heart of RICS – professionalism, integrity, and a commitment to the public good. Their story reminds us that being a professional is not just about technical expertise – it is about using that expertise in service of others, creating positive change, and leaving behind something that endures.

So, without further ado, I kindly ask everyone who can to please stand and join me in applauding our 2025 RICS Lifetime Achievement Award recipient — Rob Hall.

# Team Category Winners



# Winner



## Building Consultancy Team of the Year

Hawke's Bay Cyclone & Auckland Anniversary Floods Response -  
Independent Expert Services

Since early 2023, Maynard Marks' Building Surveying team has supported recovery and reinstatement efforts following Cyclone Gabrielle and the Auckland Anniversary Floods. Initially engaged to assess damaged buildings across Hawke's Bay and Auckland, we've continued work through 2024 and into 2025. We provide Independent Expert services to support claim resolution, with some disputes ongoing. Leveraging expertise in building pathology, insurance reinstatement, and digital twin technology, we deliver efficient, cost-effective solutions that reduce site visits and health and safety risks. Our impartial assessments continue to assist in achieving fair outcomes and effective reinstatement for property owners affected by severe weather events.



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner



## Environmental Impact Award

Green Star team

The RDT Pacific Green Star Accredited Professional (GSAP) team has demonstrated exceptional commitment to sustainability through innovative projects like Tāwharau Lane and Asmuss. Their work has achieved multiple Green Star certifications, showcasing excellence in energy efficiency, water conservation, and waste management. By integrating sustainability principles from the early stages and maintaining continuous engagement with stakeholders, the team has set a benchmark for sustainable building practices. Their proactive approach and adherence to RICS ethics ensure high-quality, environmentally friendly developments that contribute significantly to broader environmental goals.



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner

## Innovation Award



Waiora 2 Capacity Upgrade - Digital Asset Handover

The Waiora Water Treatment Plant (WTP) capacity upgrade includes new underground services, a 250kL Raw Water Feed Tank, Hydro Cyclone Plant, Waste Attenuation Tank, Chemical Unloading Area, and a 40MLD microfiltration water treatment plant. Digital tools and processes were leveraged to enhance data delivery for this complex asset, mitigating risks in the asset capitalisation process. This reduced the amount of time a 'ghost asset' was visible in the council's asset management and finance systems, enabled early confirmation of the asset value and provided the ability to begin depreciating and maintaining the asset much sooner in comparison to traditional handover methods.



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner



Hiwa Recreation Centre

Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland and Colliers Project Leaders have delivered Hiwa, a 26,000sqm facility that delivers a world-class range of recreation and wellness spaces including a rooftop multi-sport turf and social area with panoramic views of Auckland city, the southern hemisphere's first glass sports floor with integrated LED markings, an aquatic hall with dive well, studios, zones, specialist rooms, squash courts, sports halls, bouldering wall, quiet zone, chill-out areas and an internal running track. The PM team overcame unique and complex challenges due to the confined footprint in a live campus environment and delivered some first-in-New Zealand solutions.

## Project Management Team of the Year



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner



Waipapa  
Taumata Rau  
**University  
of Auckland**

The Property Services Division has circa 130 FTE across 5 teams. They manage and develop the University of Auckland's Estate and Operations, one of NZ's largest estates. They support a community of approximately 14,000 staff and 43,500 students with numerous diverse backgrounds. The University estate encompasses 214 buildings with a gross floor area (GFA) of 768,595 m<sup>2</sup>, across 206 hectares of land, over four main campuses. The teams demonstrate a broad range of skills, competencies and experience within their respective areas. The scope and scale of the workload that the team has successfully delivered sets them apart in the sector.

## Property / Facilities Management Team of the Year



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner



The Stellar Projects Quantity Surveying Team – Auckland was nominated for RICS QS Team of the Year for their outstanding leadership, collaboration, and cost management across complex infrastructure programmes in the Northland area. The team has consistently delivered accurate forecasting and commercial oversight, with every package completed under budget. Known for their adaptability, cultural diversity, and commitment to mentoring, the team embodies technical excellence and professionalism. Their work on the high profile projects of the Mangamuka Gorge and Brynderwyn Hills slips, reflects a socially conscious and resilient approach to infrastructure delivery that sets a benchmark for Quantity Surveying in New Zealand.

## Quantity Surveying Team of the Year



From left to right:

**Mareko Ah Toon – Intermediate Quantity Surveyor**

**Steve Davies – Principal Quantity Surveyor**

**Rylee Hong – Quantity Surveyor**

**Philip Sing – Graduate Quantity Surveyor**

**Khan Po-Ching – Team Leader Quantity Surveying Auckland**



**QUANTITY  
SURVEYING**

For more info go to  
[stellarprojects.co.nz](http://stellarprojects.co.nz) or  
scan the QR code.



## New Zealand



AWARDS  
**2025**

# Winner

# CBRE

## Real Estate Advisory Team of the Year

Chateau Tongariro

CBRE's Structured Transactions and Advisory (STAS) and Hotel Valuations teams partnered as trusted advisors for the Department of Conservation (DOC) on the iconic Chateau Tongariro. Navigating its complex future within a dual World Heritage site, CBRE provided independent specialist advice, including feasibility analysis and a confidential off-market sounding exercise. Their collaborative, full-service approach simplified intricate data into clear options, offering valuable market validation and proactive strategic thinking. This demonstrated their exceptional advisory expertise and client-centric approach, paving a clear pathway for DOC's future decision-making and highlighting CBRE's ability to handle complex, high-stakes mandates.



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner

# CBRE

Despite challenging market conditions, CBRE's Capital Markets team achieved excellent outcomes for its clients in 2024. The team was involved in four of New Zealand's 10 largest commercial property transactions; combining professionalism, skill, teamwork and innovation to set new benchmarks for industry practice. The team's national and Australasian collaboration, deep data insights and agile deal structures produced some out-of-the-box solutions. These included introducing maiden capital to South Island industrial property from the Kiwisaver sector, as well as enabling a partnership between Fletcher Living and Woolworths NZ that unlocked the development of a significant mixed-use site in Christchurch's largest suburb.

## Real Estate Agency Team of the Year

CBRE CAPITAL MARKETS

### Christchurch Capital Markets Team

**201 Halswell Road & 32 Iport Drive**



**TIM ROOKES**

Managing Director, Capital  
Markets, Christchurch  
Christchurch



**CAMERON DARBY**

Director, Capital Markets,  
Christchurch  
Christchurch



**BRUCE CATLEY**

Managing Director, Capital  
Markets – Industrial & Logistics,  
New Zealand  
Auckland



**JOHN HOLMES**

Senior Director, Capital Markets,  
New Zealand  
Auckland



**CHRIS O'BRIEN**

Executive Director  
Industrial & Logistics, APAC  
Melbourne

Confidential & Proprietary | © 2025 CBRE, Inc.

## New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner



The Beca Valuations Team is honoured to be nominated for the RICS Valuation Team of the Year 2025. We provide a specialised valuation consultancy services, empowering clients to make informed decisions about their assets across sectors including national and local government, transport, energy, health, and education. We successfully work with a diverse range of government and private clients throughout NZ. Through fostering collaborative relationships and prioritising tailored solutions, we have been extending our services into the Australian and Pacific markets. Focusing on digitalisation and leveraging our experience, we assist our clients in effectively managing their portfolios and achieving their objectives.

## Valuation Team of the Year

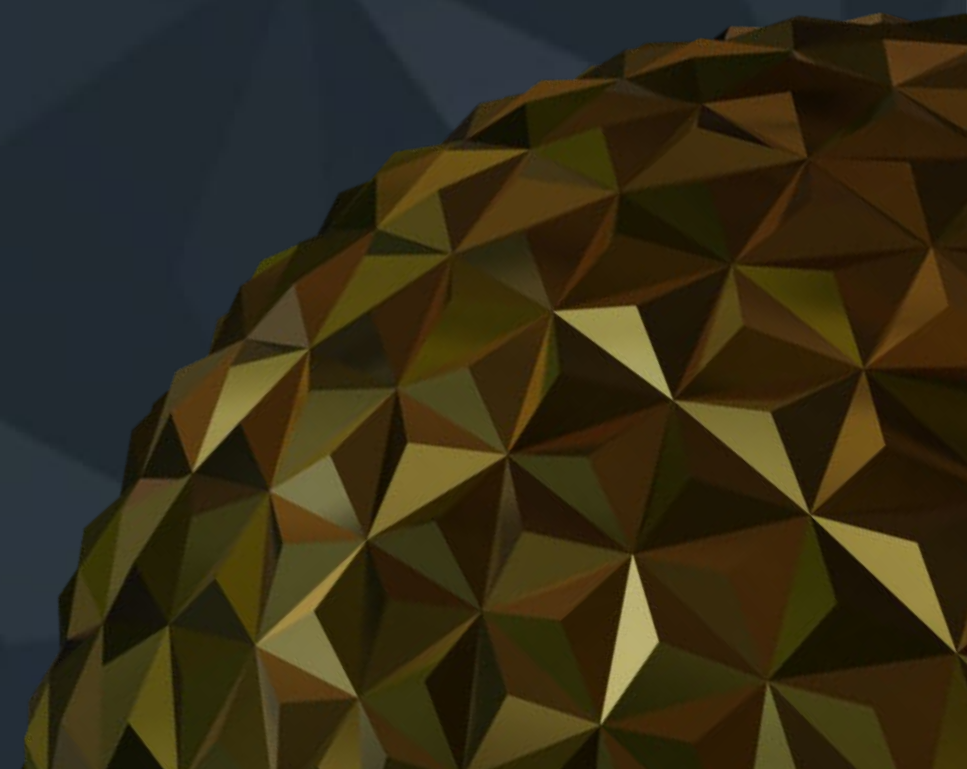


New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Individual Category Winners



# Winner

Shaun de Pontes

Associate, WT New Zealand

Shaun de Pontes is a construction cost expert delivering exceptional results on some of New Zealand's most complex projects. Throughout 2024 he has led cost management for landmark developments, from the \$1 billion Pāpāmoa East "The Sands" town centre, The Domain Collection, a high-end apartment project, Pacific Lakes Village lakeside retirement village, to the 17-storey Lakewood Plaza remediation, achieving multi-million-dollar savings and keeping projects on track. Renowned for professionalism, integrity and an innovative approach, Shaun introduces cost strategies that add value and reduce risk. Shaun embodies the key attributes of an outstanding construction professional of the highest standard.

## Construction Professional of the Year



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner

John Loay

Digital Engineering Manager, Beca Ltd

As a Digital Engineering (DE) Manager at Beca, John has delivered a range of complex projects in sectors including aviation, 3 waters, health, infrastructure, and buildings, providing Building Information Modelling (BIM) services including design BIM management, construction BIM management, and digital asset handover. John is an innovator, who has helped clients and project teams realize tangible value across the asset lifecycle through BIM adoption. He is dedicated to making a lasting, meaningful impact on the industry through every project and person he interacts with and is passionate about paying it forward by helping educate our future industry leaders.

## Emerging Achiever of the Year



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Winner

Laura Johns MRICS

Director, Quantity Surveying and Auckland  
Lead, RDT Pacific Ltd

Laura Johns, Director - Quantity Surveying and Auckland Lead at RDT Pacific, is a trailblazer in New Zealand's built environment. With over 25 years of experience, she has delivered major commercial, education, and healthcare projects with technical excellence, strategic foresight, and unwavering integrity. As a leader, mentor, and advocate for inclusion, Laura has built high-performing teams, influenced industry standards, and driven business-wide innovations. She champions sustainability, diversity, and professional ethics in every facet of her work. Laura is a respected role model whose legacy is one of impact on people, projects, and the future of the construction profession.

## Woman of the Built Environment

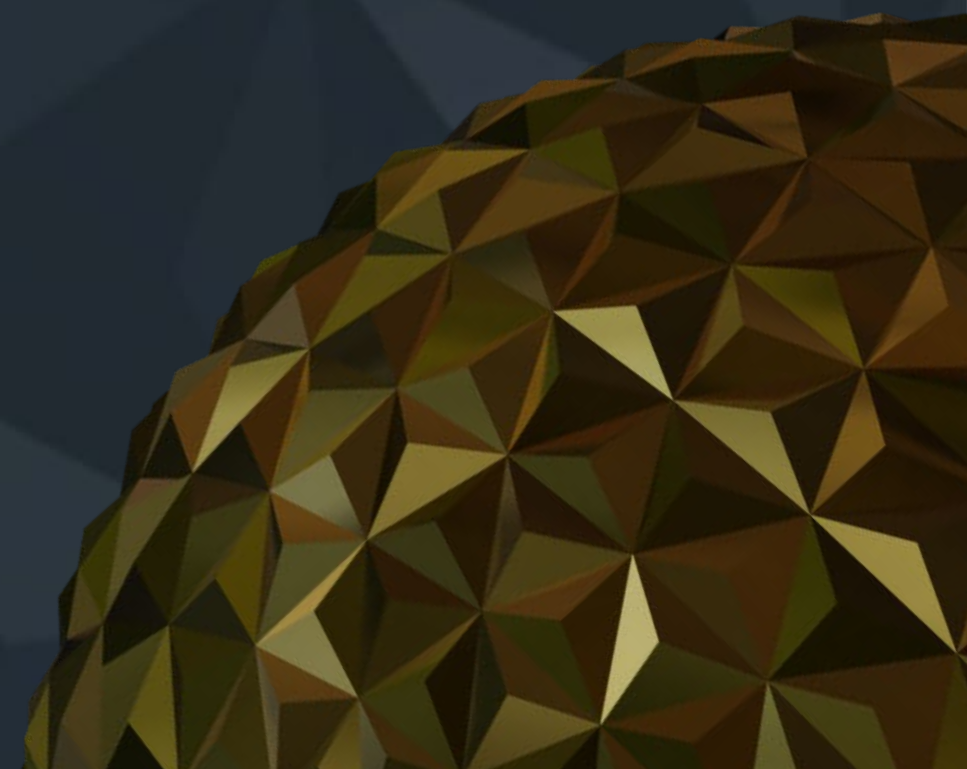


New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Highly Commended



# Highly Commended

## Project Management Team of the Year



Sylvia Park build-to-rent

Colliers Project Leaders project managed the Sylvia Park build-to-rent (BTR) development in Auckland. This market-leading development is a game-changer in the BTR space and through efficient project management processes the project overcame the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic to meet the required deadlines. Colliers focused on creating a durable, cost-effective, and visually appealing asset, while maintaining high standards of client satisfaction. The project team's efforts led to the development achieving a Homestar 9 Built Rating, reflecting what can be achieved through collaboration and expertise.



New Zealand



AWARDS  
2025

# Thank you to our Partners

## Supporting Partners



SCHOOL  
OF BUILT  
ENVIRONMENT





# New Zealand

## Winners

Showcasing professional excellence across the built environment

