

**Nelson Airport's Architects pick up The Sir Miles Warren award for Excellence in Commercial Architecture at last night's awards.**

Nelson Airports brief was for an Airport terminal that operated efficiently and sustainably, as both a transportation hub and viable business and has certainly been achieved.

Studio Pacific Architecture's bold design gesture creates a striking, sculptural gateway for the Nelson Tasman Region was a testament to picking up The Sir Miles Warren award for Excellence in Commercial Architecture in last night's New Zealand Institute of Architects awards.

The New Zealand Institute of Architects judges panel found "The Nelson Airport terminal is a great hovering timber tent that celebrates the excitement of air travel. The building is an exemplar of passive systems, including north-facing facade solar chimneys for tempering air and passive stack ventilation for fresh air and cooling in the hotter months".

"The design process is a testament to what can be achieved with a strong design team using integrated design process, not only in New Zealand but globally for all passive buildings. Nelson Airport is set to become a defining moment for Nelson and for New Zealand regional architecture, and an attraction in its own right".

"In congratulating Studio Pacific on their great award, we record the close relationship we have with them. Studio Pacific stood by our side for the last five years during the build of their vision through to commissioning. Their guidance, explanations and support were invaluable in us meeting the challenge of the most complicated build in Nelson ever, resulting in an iconic landmark of which the community will be proud in the decades to come" comments Paul Steere Chairman of Nelson Airport.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese congratulated everyone involved in the project for showing such commitment to the design vision.

"Nelson Airport is such an amazing gateway to the beautiful Nelson Tasman region," she says.

"The stunning architecture is something to be proud of right here in Nelson Whakatū. It is much more than a transportation hub, it's Nelson's busiest building and loved by locals and visitors alike."

Tasman District Council Mayor, Tim King congratulated Studio Pacific and the Nelson Airport team on winning the award. "It's a great building and showcases what can be achieved using products from our region to produce a sustainable and efficient structure that reflects the Nelson-Tasman region".

Our gateway supporting air travel is certainly one we are proud of and a great way to set the scene to our passengers in our region or place to arrive home to. With the Airlines schedules resuming upwards of 80% compared to last year and passengers arriving into the region we are looking forward to a vibrant terminal and busy region for the summer period.

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