

## Media Statement

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### WESTFIELD ALBANY TAKES SUPREME AWARD

Westfield Albany, New Zealand's largest shopping centre on Auckland's North Shore, has been crowned the Supreme Award winner at Property Council New Zealand Award's for 2008.

With an exciting mix of leisure and entertainment, Westfield Albany is the first in a new generation of shopping centres. Situated on 20.8 hectares of land, the shopping centre has 147 retailers, three major retail stores, 2,353 car parks and a 10 screen cinema complex.

The centre's emphasis on public spaces, family-friendly play areas, and a range of cafes and restaurants are designed to provide a focal point for the Albany community.

"The Westfield Albany project came in on time and under budget, a true indication to the dedication and emphasis on project planning by those parties involved" said Connal Townsend, Chief Executive, Property Council New Zealand.

Chief Judge John Dunn was impressed by the scope of the project and said the project has been well received by its customers, satisfying a need for stronger retailing and entertainment activity in the community.

Mayor of North Shore City Council, Andrew Williams said "this new generation of urban design development is integral to the Albany community. Albany has become a real destination for Aucklanders, with its wonderful blend of retail, cafés, restaurants and bars".

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#### Property Council Supreme Award Criteria

In determining the winner of the Supreme Award, the judges evaluate a range of areas, including: economic factors, design and construction, efficiency of operation, owner and user satisfaction, contribution to the community, potential cultural and social benefits, the degree of difficulty associated with the development and environmentally sustainable features incorporated into the development.

**AWARDS WINNERS FOR 2008**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Name of Building</b>	<b>City</b>
Excellence	GIB Commercial Office	Meridian Building	Wellington
Merit	GIB Commercial Office	Sovereign Building	North Shore
Excellence	Coffey Projects Education & Arts	Franklin: The Centre	Pukekohe
Merit	Coffey Projects Education & Arts	Owen G Glenn Building	Auckland
Merit	Coffey Projects Education & Arts	Wintec Student Hub	Hamilton
Winner	Kensington Swan Green Building	Meridian Building	Wellington
Merit	CBRE Industrial	NZ Post Building, Highbrook	Auckland
Merit	CBRE Industrial	NZ Post Christchurch Mail Centre	Christchurch
Merit	Natural Habitats Mixed Use	Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind	Auckland
Excellence	RCG Retail Property	Westfield Albany	Auckland
Merit	RCG Retail Property	Botany Junction	Auckland
Merit	IGNITE Architects Special Purpose (Infrastructure)	Hamilton Airport Terminal Redev.	Hamilton
Excellence	IGNITE Architects Special Purpose (Infrastructure)	Queenstown International Airport	Queenstown
Excellence	IGNITE Architects Special Purpose (Community Service)	Hopkirk Research Institute	Palmerston North
Merit	IGNITE Architects Special Purpose (Community Service)	New Zealand Centre for Conservation Medicine	Auckland Rolleston, Sth C/bury
Excellence	IGNITE Architects Special Purpose (Community Service)	Selwyn District Council - New Headquarters	
Merit	IGNITE Architects Special Purpose (Community Service)	Spring Hill Corrections Facility	Kaikohe
Merit	IGNITE Architects Special Purpose (Community Service)	St Patrick's Cathedral	Auckland
Merit	IGNITE Architects Special Purpose (Community Service)	Talbot Park Community Renewal Project	Auckland
Merit	Holmes Consulting Tourism & Leisure	Holiday Inn Wellington	Wellington
Merit	Holmes Consulting Tourism & Leisure	Rotorua Events Centre	Rotorua
Excellence	Holmes Consulting Tourism & Leisure	Te Puia	Rotorua
Excellence	Holmes Consulting Tourism & Leisure	The Westin Auckland Lighter Quay	Auckland
Winner	Auckland City Urban Design	Talbot Park Community Renewal Project	Auckland
Winner	Rider Levett Bucknall Supreme Award	Westfield Albany	Auckland

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