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SEASONS GREETINGS

The staff and directors of ASC Architects would like to thank all our clients for your support and for helping make this such a successful year.

We also want to extend our thanks to all the consultants who have worked hard with us over the last year to make our projects happen.

We hope you have a relaxing Christmas period and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year for what looks to be another full, exciting and productive year.



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WINNING VISION FOR FUTURE STATE HOUSES

To mark the Year of the Built Environment and provide creative ideas for housing New Zealanders, Housing New Zealand invited established architects and designers to present their vision for state houses of the future.

DSA won the 'Urban Design' award for the national competition, which attracted more than 100 entries, some from overseas.

DSA's scheme challenged the current suburban model by focusing on utilising land area more efficiently. House lots were reduced to 300 square metres in size, and zero lot principles were applied to free up land for private outside living and common community areas.

Houses look out onto a socially active space that incorporates an attractive 'rain garden' and landscaped area.



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PENROSE HIGH SCHOOL

ASC Architects, together with The Ministry of Education, has been working on a comprehensive redevelopment plan for this site. The project involves the development of a master plan designed to enable the school to implement its vision for the educational achievement of the students.

The site will benefit from a total upgrade of its infrastructure, the complete refurbishment of most of its existing buildings and also the provision of significant new buildings.

ASC Architects is very pleased to be assisting the Ministry and the school on such a complex and challenging project.



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AWARDS

The Napier Ocean Spa has received an award in this year's NZIA Resene Local Awards.

Commenting on the design, the judges said the Napier Ocean Spa 'clearly recognises its position and successfully links the city to the ocean - reinforced by a good use of materials and a sympathetic roof shape, making it a pleasant and popular facility.'



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The Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Epsom Girls Grammar has also received an award in the NZIA Resene Local Awards.

The Arts Centre provides a figurehead building for Epsom Girls Grammar School and the wider community. The foyer engages with the street utilising transparency, slender steel structure and a large scale, which defines the school entry.



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