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FAREWELL 2004, LOOKING AHEAD TO 2005

This is our last newsletter for 2004. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year, and to thank you very much for your continued support over the past 12 months. We've got some great projects under way for 2005, and look forward to updating you on their progress in next year's editions of Aspect.



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QUEENSTOWN AQUATIC CENTRE

The proposed \$13m Queenstown Aquatic Centre will be a major extension to the existing Events Centre located adjacent to the Queenstown Airport at Frankton. Recently approved to proceed to developed design, the combined wet and dry sports facility will bring together the district's major indoor and outdoor sports.

The design is a collaborative effort between ASC Architects, pool specialist LHT Engineering Consultants, and sculptor Virginia King. Inspired by the Remarkables Range to the east, the Aquatic Centre is a series of wedges that fan around the existing cricket oval to take advantage of spectacular views of the surrounding mountains.



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ARENA MANAWATU

This \$6M renovation and extension to Arena Two of the Arena Manawatu Complex progressed from developed design to client take-over in less than 12 months. An update to an original 1980 Elliott design, the facility provides modern facilities and services for the area's major international sports events and cultural functions.



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AVON PLAZA

Design development is well advanced for Avon Plaza, a mixed-use development for Main Street Avondale. Our design solution for this project is a building of a similar scale to those around it, housing a range of activities that will include retail, a café, commercial offices and residential apartments, along with much-needed public parking for Avondale.



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WELLINGTON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (WELTEC) – B BLOCK. NZIA 2002 AWARD WINNER

The clever redesign of this old industrial building creates an internal street linking to the rest of the campus. This provides increased visibility and improved accessibility, as well as informal meeting areas for students. New electronic/computer labs, teaching spaces and mezzanine floors play on the industrial aesthetic, with their shiny steel ceilings, ladder trays and exposed pipes. The result is suitably light, airy and contemporary.



DSA Architects

GREATLY PRIZED

Three new ASC-designed schools recently received awards from DesignShare, a US organisation that promotes and recognises innovative educational design globally. The three were selected from a worldwide pool of submissions. The winning schools were Sommerville Intermediate School, Willowbank Primary School and Botany Downs Secondary School.

Our Mt Eden house has also won a 2004 NZIA local award. In the words of the citation: "This family home, built on a steep, west-facing site in Mt Eden, allows for a marriage of art and architecture... Adhering to the natural slope of the site, the form of the house proudly engages its street frontage, while inside an array of spatial experiences is created with artistic flair to provide for an inviting and relaxing quality within the home".



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