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Boffa Miskell Wins Supreme Landscape Award

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Boffa Miskell won the George Malcolm Supreme Award and 12 more awards in the 2010 NZILA Resene Pride of Place Landscape Awards, which were announced on 16 April.

Run by the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects, the bi-annual awards honour the best in landscape architecture around New Zealand.

The diverse range of award-winning projects earned recognition in the landscape planning, landscape design, visionary design and sustainability categories.

Boffa Miskell Director::Design, Rachel de Lambert, said the awards reflect Boffa Miskell’s commitment to growing great design teams, to excellence and to our long term partnership relationships with clients.

“We are thrilled with our achievements. It is also great to see the NZILA Resene Pride of Place Awards programme celebrating and gaining recognition for the achievements of the landscape architecture profession in New Zealand.”



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St Patrick's Square

- NZILA George Malcom Supreme Award
- Gold Award, Landscape Design – Rural / Park / Recreational Category

St. Patrick's Square is a special place in Auckland's CBD. Home to St. Patrick's Cathedral, it is the only significant area of green open space from mid-city to the waterfront. In 2007, Auckland City Council decided to enhance the square to complement the newly restored cathedral. Boffa Miskell was engaged to design the upgrade and supervise its implementation. The project was completed in 2009.

The judges described the project as "superb" and one of the judges, John Gibbs, said at the awards ceremony that it was "worthy of the international stage". The judges commented that the dominating presence of the church had been skilfully handled, giving it "breathing space and respect", and noted that water had provided a "unifying design element" through a series of terraces. Spatial arrangement had provided for all users and circulation routes were clearly defined.

Client: Auckland City Council

Boffa Miskell project leader: John Potter, Principal and landscape architect

Find out more:

- Full citation:
http://www.nzila.co.nz/awards_current.asp#design
- St Patrick's Square opening:
http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/downloads/BMwwwNews_StPats_Opening_Nov09.pdf
- Boffa Miskell News, Issue 22, p.8:
<http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/downloads/Boffa-Miskell-Newsletter-22.pdf>
- Boffa Miskell News, Issue 21, p.8:
<http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/downloads/Boffa-Miskell-Newsletter-21.pdf>
- Boffa Miskell News, Issue 18, p.8:
<http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/downloads/Boffa-Miskell-Newsletter-18.pdf>



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ARC Stormwater Management Guidelines and Integration of Low Impact Design

- Gold Award, Landscape Planning – Communication and Promotion Category
- Sustainability Award of Excellence

Boffa Miskell contributed two documents to the Auckland Regional Council's suite of technical documents on stormwater management. The Landscape and Ecology Values for Stormwater Management and The Integration of LID, Urban Design and Urban Form documents outline aspects of low impact stormwater design (LID), which advocates development that utilises natural systems and processes to manage stormwater and erosion.

The judges commended the thorough research and considered the guidelines "to exemplify clarity of presentation and technical merit."

Client: Auckland Regional Council

Boffa Miskell project leader: Mark Lewis, Landscape architect and ecologist

Find out more:

- Boffa Miskell News, Issue 22, p.4:
<http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/downloads/Boffa-Miskell-Newsletter-22.pdf>
- Paper on 'Urban Ecology and Ecological Design':
<http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/articles.php>



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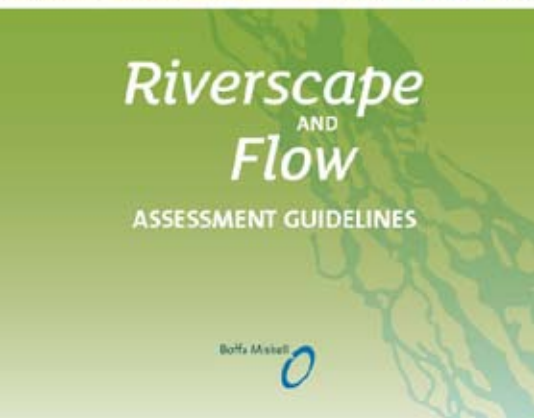
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St Johns College Library Entrance

- Gold Award, Landscape Design – Commercial / Industrial / Institutional Design Category

This project is the latest in a series of design and redevelopment projects that Boffa Miskell has carried out for the St John's Theological College in Auckland over a number of years. The redevelopment of the library entrance area was designed to parallel the library redevelopment.

The judges described the project as “a skilful and mature solution” which ensured “good connectivity” with “natural linkages to the required seating and contemplative spaces. This paving is exceptionally well handled”.

Client: St John's College Trust Board

Boffa Miskell project leader: Sarah Collins, Principal and landscape architect

Find out more:

- Boffa Miskell News, Issue 13, p. 8:
<http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/downloads/Boffa-Miskell-Newsletter-13.pdf>

Riverscape and Flow Assessment Guide

- Silver Award, Landscape Planning – Research Category
- Sustainability Award of Excellence

Boffa Miskell was subcontracted to address the issue of river flow perceptions and landscape as part of a FRST-funded research programme called the 'Water Allocation and Protection of Instream Values'. The guidelines are the final output from the landscape component of this research project.

The judges considered this to be a “highly relevant and topical” project that will be a “useful tool for landscape architects”. They noted its “strong specialist and technical merit”.

Client: National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research

Boffa Miskell project leaders: Alan Rackham, Consultant & landscape planner & Yvonne Pfluger, landscape planner

Find out more:

- Download PDF of guidelines:
<http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/reports-guidelines.php>

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Christchurch Central City Lanes Design Guide

- Silver Award, Landscape Planning – Landscape Planning and Environmental Studies Category

The Christchurch City Council has recognised the potential for the CBD's back-street lanes to enliven and enrich the central city if redeveloped appropriately. This design guide project is aimed at guiding the implementation of the Christchurch City Council's 'Lanes Plan', which is part of the council's 'Central City Revitalisation Strategy'.

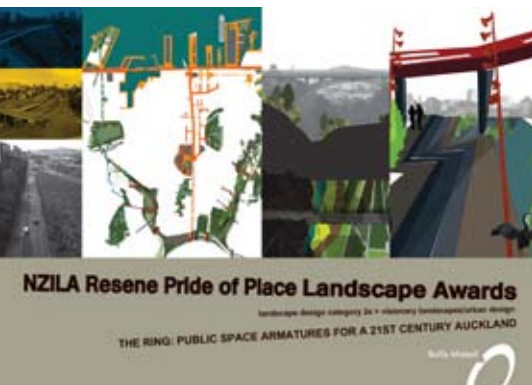
The judges considered it "a comprehensive report with extensive analytical content that promotes good urban design and connectivity through design guidelines and a prioritisation plan."

Client: Christchurch City Council

Boffa Miskell project leader: Tim Church, Principal and urban designer

Find out more:

- Boffa Miskell News, Issue 21, p. 3:
<http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz/news/downloads/Boffa-Miskell-Newsletter-21.pdf>



The Ring : Public Space Armatures for a 21st Century Auckland

- Silver Award, Landscape Design – Visionary Landscapes Category

The Ring is a visionary concept that would replace the existing motorways with a ring of public space, based on restored gully systems, that would support structural transformation of the city.

The judges described it as "an original, creative and entirely believable solution to the potentialities of a future urban landscape not dominated by cars."

Boffa Miskell project leader: Stuart Houghton, Landscape architect / urban designer

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The Great Harbour Way – Te Aranui o Poneke

- Bronze Award, Landscape Planning – Landscape Planning and Environmental Studies Concept

This was a foundation study for developing a continuous 67km shared cycle and pedestrian route around the coastline of Wellington Harbour, Te Whanganui a Tara.

It was, in the judges' opinion, "a topical project that effectively coordinated the planning of a cycle and walkway route for a disparate group of clients through a variety of districts and terrain."

Client: Great Harbour Way Coalition

Boffa Miskell project leader: Boyden Evans, Principal and landscape architect



Bayside Stormwater Reserve

- Bronze Award, Landscape Design – Rural / Park / Recreational Category

Boffa Miskell designed and managed the implementation of this rehabilitation project, which transformed a concrete channel and degraded stormwater pond to a naturalised stream channel and stormwater wetland-pond.

The judges considered it "a good solid design" despite "a lack of completeness".

Client: North Shore City Council

Boffa Miskell project leader: Mark Lewis, Landscape architect and ecologist



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Tupare : Taranaki Regional Gardens Project

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Since 2003, Boffa Miskell has assisted with developing a comprehensive restoration and redevelopment strategy for this heritage site, together with ongoing and collaborative project management, landscape planning, technical assessment, conceptual and detailed design expertise.

The judges said it was great to see a landscape architect involved in a project of this nature. They considered the interventions they observed were “very good and well considered” and noted that “to respect the history and just slip in that simple layer, that adds without detracting, is good.”

Client: Taranaki Regional Council

Boffa Miskell project leader: Steve Dunn, Principal and landscape architect

New Zealand Memorial Park

- Bronze Award, Landscape Design – Visionary Landscapes Category

‘Pukehau + lines of connection + memory’ was a competition entry for the design of a memorial park, in front of the National War Museum in Wellington.

The judges acknowledged the intention to improve the setting of Wellington’s National War Memorial. They commented that it “responds to and reflects the biophysical, historical and cultural elements inherent in the site and its surrounds in a contemporary manner and creates a new urban place for celebration and veneration.”

Competition run by: the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, in association with the Wellington City Council

Boffa Miskell project leader: Michael Hawes, Principal and Landscape Architect

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