

Dunedin Motel



13 Motel Units
858 George Street Dunedin
Completed: 1999
NZ INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AWARDS
NZIA Branch Awards 1999 Hospitality and Interiors
NZIA Branch Awards 1999 Colour
NZIA Regional Awards 2000 Multiple Housing
NZIA Regional Awards 2000 Colour

JURY CITATIONS

NZIA BRANCH AWARD: Colour
Careful colour selection has resulted in a completely appropriate total composition, providing both an element of discrete inclusion, yet with enough individual identity within the George Street context.

NZIA BRANCH AWARD: Hospitality and Interiors
The Awards Jury is concerned that the Local Authority focus on the past will not of itself guarantee design quality. In this case, however, the architect has met all District Plan Heritage objectives while satisfying a contemporary brief. The development suits George Street and provides motel accommodation of a big standard. The subtle variations of the same two storied villa form are successful and the stand-alone house (Unit 1) is a gem.

NZIA REGIONAL AWARD: Multiple Housing
This motel complex at 858 George Street Dunedin captures the essence of the George Street character. The 'hands on' involvement of the owners, architect and builders enhances public awareness and understanding of the value of good architecture as applied to motel development. There is a wonderful richness to the detailing and diversity of internal spaces which combines boldness and subtlety. This motel feels good.

NZIA REGIONAL AWARD: Colour
This motel complex at 858 George Street Dunedin captures the essence of the George Street character. External colour is used with subtlety and restraint to enhance and define building elements and detail, while the internal colours used are rich and diverse. This is a well-mannered addition to street and community where the chosen colours represent a collective memory of Victorian Dunedin.



Tower Sleep-out & House



'Whiwhero' is the ancestral land of the owners
10km from the town of Kaitaia.

Three buildings built by the owners between 2002
and 2012: a water tower; a carport/sleep-out; and a
house.

The water tower provides 1000 litres of water to
service wharenui and whareiti structures from which
rain water is harvested and stored in two 25,000 ltr
concrete tanks. The tank being 7m above floor level
provides sufficient gravity pressure for the domestic
water supply. The rain water is filtered but not
treated in any other way. The owners report they
have never run out of water - even in Northlands
many extended drought conditions.



The main house has a super-insulated exposed
concrete floor with Matai timber grid, double-glazed
windows, hardwood doors, super-insulated in-situ
concrete walls, locally quarried rock cladding, pine
ply ceilings and soffits, and corrugated corrugated
steel roof.

Home to two adults & two dogs.



Town House Dunedin



The house is located between the mansions of York Place, and the former worker cottages of Arthur Street now let as student flats.

Corrugated coloursteel cladding with Macrocarpa facings, grooved plywood soffits, larch exterior framing. Exposed aggregate concrete terraces and car deck are suspended on timber framing.

The pole-platform construction allowed for the expansion of the basement area two years after stage 1 was completed.



Location: 103 Elm Row Dunedin
Completed: Stage 1, 2000; Stage 2, 2001

Awards: NZ Institute of Architects
Local Award for Architecture 2001

AWARDS JURY CITATION

"Located on a difficult site in a central city location and working within a limited budget the architect has created a beautifully crafted home for his clients. Interesting views are framed to the harbour, town belt and garden".

Water Tower North Otago



This project aims to highlight the important role architecture plays in creation of positive place-making, albeit involving a small, utilitarian water tower.

In response to Waitaki District Council's refusal to connect the property to district reticulated water and their refusal to issue a Building Consent for a house without such a connection, we began to plan a group of non-residential buildings to collect rainwater. The Water Tower is the first of these buildings. The building performs a number of functions: general storage, sleeping loft, recreational deck and solid platform for storage for 3,000 litres of water.

Since the tower was built, we have built our small house with basement workshop, a utility building for processing fruit & veg from the garden, and a study for Fliss.

Completed: January 2006

Architect: Ian Butcher

Builders: Fliss and Ian Butcher, with help from assorted friends and family.

Location: Ardgowan Road, North Otago

Completed: 2005

Awards: NZ Institute of Architects

Local Award for Architecture 2006: Environmentally Sustainable Design



AWARDS JURY CITATION

This slender, elegant vertical crib in an organic garden rehabilitates an abandoned site, and establishes an independent water supply in a drought-prone locality in defiance of an unsympathetic Territorial Authority. This is a demonstrative display of the modest art of sustainability.

Solar House South Otago



A warm comfortable, low-energy retirement home, built on the client's rural site in South Otago.

The house uses materials and forms that connect to its rural setting. It was built to maximise solar gain and outlook and to gain shelter from southerly winds. It is built on two levels with service rooms along the south, living rooms and bedrooms arranged on the lower level along the north side.

A conservatory provides space for growing plants and passively heats the living areas; clerestory windows provide natural lighting and ventilation to the rooms along the back.



Interior surfaces are red brick walls and black concrete floor for thermal mass; clear finished client-felled Macrocarpa timber; painted Gib ceilings and walls.

