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Lincoln Library wins Architecture Award

The Lincoln Library has won a public architecture award at the 2015 Canterbury Architecture Awards.

The library which opened in early February 2014 was designed by Warren and Mahoney, and built by Image Construction.

“The culmination of four year’s collaboration with Selwyn District Council, disrupted by the Canterbury Earthquakes, has resulted in a standout new facility and a great outcome for the Lincoln community,” says Architect Joseph Hampton of Warren and Mahoney.

“We are thrilled to have been involved with the project and with such an enthusiastic and committed stakeholder group.”

The library occupies a prominent position on Lincoln’s main street. The jury panel for the awards praised the library’s integration with the public realm and its open plan interior. “The architects have achieved crisp, elegant detailing, with well resolved steel junctions and connections. The interior is neat and efficient, yet adaptable, and well inhabited by staff and users,” adds the awards jury citation.

Selwyn Libraries Manager Vicki Carlyon says the building has been popular with library users and has encouraged more people to come and use the library as a community gathering space.

Between February 2014 and February 2015 the library received 79,630 visits in total – a 48% increase in visitors from the 53,970 visits in the year from February 2013 – February 2014. The library also receives around 3,000 visits annually from people attending library and community events and activities for children and adults.

“The new library creates a light, welcoming space for people to sit, read, use the internet, and participate in community run activities or join in library activities,” says Ms Carlyon.

Lincoln has been one of the fastest growing towns in Selwyn and the old library did not have enough space for the library collection to expand or to host events in demand at libraries such as pre-schoolers programmes and adult book clubs. The new 730m² square metre building has plenty of space which allows more books to be displayed, and has a bigger space for events and activities like story time sessions. It also has comfortable seating for people to relax and enjoy a book, free wifi, historical images of Lincoln on glass display panels and more free computers.

Warren and Mahoney won five other awards at the Canterbury Architecture Awards ceremony on 21 May and also designed the Selwyn Aquatic Centre which won two awards in the 2013 Canterbury Architecture Awards, and a silver award at the New Zealand Commercial Building awards.

If your community group would like to use the Lincoln Library either to hold a one off information session, share your activities via a poster or larger display or use the library regularly to hold sessions contact Sian McDonald on 347 2876 or email sian.mcdonald@selwyn.govt.nz

Image attached: The Lincoln Library

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