

# flying in concert

## achieving elegant outcomes



The Claudlands convention, exhibition and arena project offered Chow: Hill a fantastic opportunity to help Hamilton City Council enhance the city and support Vista, Hamilton's urban design guide.

As well as meeting the functional needs of an arena, conference and exhibition facility, Claudlands is a civic asset which will enrich the urban environment of Hamilton. The challenge was twofold:

- Create an outcome that generated the most value for the city
- Complement the underlying business case

The design strategy was to adopt a simple and economical enclosure for the main components of the facility, while allowing building edges to define the outward identity.



**Design Quality:** The buildings and their internal and external treatments complement the park setting and provide a new place and a new landmark for Hamilton.



**Sense of Place:** Generations ago, native birds were abundant in the historic woodland of the site: their colours and movement are re-born in the design of the facades.

**Access:** Easy movement for pedestrians, cars, coaches, public transport and service vehicles is integral to Claudlands.

**Public Spaces:** Open spaces have been designed to be safe, support ease of pedestrian movement and complement the buildings and the surrounding streets.

**Lifestyle:** Claudlands will accommodate a wide range of different activities in buildings that are designed to interact with the surrounding open spaces.



**Sustainable Environments:** Strategies include reusing land and existing structures, recycling demolition material, integrating energy efficient systems, re-using rainwater, using permeable landscaped surfaces and keeping existing landscape features.



**Design Challenge:** function, architectural expression and budget are all integral to a successful outcome and a collaborative approach by the client, designers and builders is fundamental.

Shared passion for urban design, landscape architecture, architecture, interior design and design management creates elegant outcomes.

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