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The Oamaru Opera House lighting receives award

The Oamaru Opera House Lighting designed by Mark Herring and Chris Byrne of Mark Herring Lighting Christchurch gained a Lighting Design award for Lighting Design.

The prestigious Lighting Design Awards held in Auckland last Friday night was held by IES or The Illuminating Engineering Society of Australia and New Zealand.

The provision of the lighting was made possible by funding being provided by Network Waitaki Limited, Waitaki District Council and James Westwood Christie Trust. Assistance with the installation of the lighting was provided by local firms Plunket Electrical and Dooley's Masonry.

Opera House Director Richard McWha " We are thrilled that the Opera House lighting continues to impress locals and visitor's alike, there is seldom a night when the OoH goes unphotographed and national recognition at this level is invaluable marketing exposure for the Architecture of Oamaru. Our new Technical Manager Gregg Lovatt is currently training to program the lights which have the ability to create an infinite array of patterns and colours. The OoH will soon be programmed with a default heritage amber colour which then scrolls through various colours when an event is on."

To receive an award the installation must achieve a high level of technical and aesthetic excellence and originality.

"Mark Herring" We are very proud of the project and after winning the award we had many of the attendees comment on the project and how great the building looks.

The criteria used for Judging the award was based on the concept including limitations, lighting concept, architectural integration and originality and solution considering design criteria, visual comfort, energy effectiveness, budget restrictions, operation and maintenance.

The aim of the Society is the advancement of the art and science of illumination and the dissemination of knowledge to all interested parties. The Society's diversified membership includes engineers, architects, educators, students, contractors, manufacturers and designers.

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