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Oropi Hall—Culmination of a community's dream

For over 60 years the Oropi Memorial Hall has served the local Oropi community. Five years ago the hall committee decided to canvas locals as to what they wanted and needed in a community hall, thereby putting in motion a project to extensively modify the facility. An extensive fundraising campaign was launched with a design resulting from Gavin Pendergrast of Melzavin Architectural Design and the project going to tender.

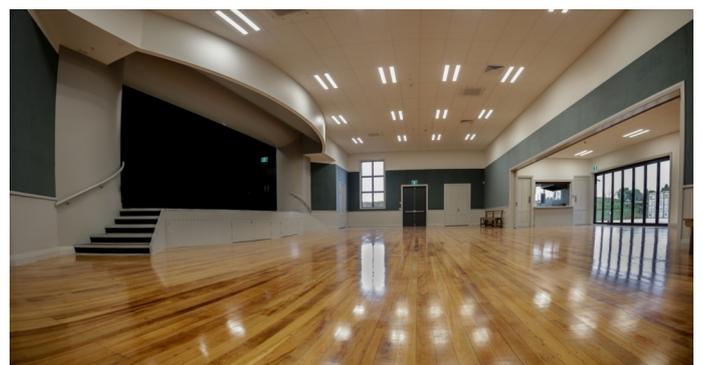
Hawes Building Solutions were the successful tenderer and commenced Stage 1 & 2 of the project in September 2015. This consisted of extending the existing simple gable structure with a new stage covered by a feature curved roof, new entry, commercial kitchen, bar, meeting room, playgroup facility, covered decks and new ablution facilities. Stage 3 will be undertaken in the



future and includes a squash court and multipurpose room .

Completed in August 2016, the building presented several constructional challenges, the compound curved bulkhead ceiling over the stage combined with a curved stage and wing walls are a real feature in combina-

tion with the halls original matai floor. The end result is highly effective with chairperson Richard Somerfield describing it as "fit for the National Orchestra...Thankyou to all the team for the very high standard of workmanship that has gone into the re-development project".



Matua Lifecare Cottages and Apartments

Development of 6 additional apartments and 2 cottages at Matua Lifecare began in October 2015 and was completed in August 2016, after a very wet winter. The existing complex was extended with 6 self contained apartments with fully accessible facilities. The duplex cottages provide a greater level of independence for occupants whilst providing the benefits of living in an aged care community. Low maintenance claddings and specialist features such as call systems give residents peace of mind as does the reticulated sprinkler system.

The site was challenging to build on as it had a very high water level, being so close to sea level, and the ground was swampy. Jigsaw Architects and Harri-

son Grierson engineers oversaw extensive piling, excavation and filling to the site to ensure stability. An extensive in ground dewatering drainage and pumping system addresses the groundwater issue. A raft foundation provided a sound base to build on.

Demand for the units was so high that new owners were moving in just as our cleaners were leaving site.

Owner Bob Wooller says *"It was a difficult site to contend with due to the drainage and piling required. However the problems were overcome. We made constant demands for changes as the construction progressed, but the team responded well to our requests. Particular mention should be made of Mike Gadsby, the Site Foreman, who couldn't have been more helpful, understood our needs and quite often was pro-active in raising questions to avoid issues later on...The subcontractors used were well selected for their professional approach and finish. Particularly impressed with the bricklayers—the finished product was excellent"*.

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Staff Profile – Mark Hawes

Company Director Mark Hawes is a qualified carpenter with 24 years served in the building industry. He has excellent experience in many facets of construction. Throughout his career he has been involved with a variety of residential, industrial, retail and commercial projects. These include traditional timber framed construction and metal partitioning through to larger steel frame, precast and in situ

concrete projects.

He established Hawes Building Solutions in 2000 with fellow director and brother Anthony joining in 2006. From humble beginnings they have grown the company to a staff of 28 and multi million annual turnover to become one of the significant players in the Bay of Plenty Construction industry.

"Leaky Building" repairs have also played a large

part in Mark's recent workload. He has developed a good practical understanding of the requirements of Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 with regard to the diagnosis and weather tightness repairs of leaky buildings.

On a personal note Mark enjoys many outdoor activities including motocross, diving, fishing, water skiing and going to the gym. He is married to Carissa and they have four children.



Building a positive team

Building construction is not an exact science: more than most endeavours it is subject to human error, financial stress, and unforeseen site, constructional or environmental conditions. For this reason it is essential that a solid team is established from the outset in an endeavor to protect a clients investment.

Hawes Building Solutions is renown for forming lasting working relationships with clients, architects, designers and project managers and are the "builders of choice" for many designers and project managers. In addition we have established working relationships with a core team of dedicated, loyal and competent subcontractors and suppliers. This results in better prices and prioritized service.

Owner Anthony says " we tender for a lot of our work but our preference is to negotiate directly with customers with an estimate and then costs as incurred, plus a fair and reasonable margin. We see this as bringing the best value to our customers—particularly for alteration and remediation projects where so much is unknown."

Recently, architect Mike Carter joined the Hawes Building Solutions team as a project manager. Mike had run his own company, Dimensions Architects ,for 10 years before deciding he wanted a change from architecture and to step sideways into project management, utilizing years of skill in a new role. Mike says "To me it was important that the company

I worked for had a strong ethical basis, that workers and subcontractors are treated fairly and paid for the work they do. With over 18 years experience in the local industry and having worked with many different builders and construction companies over that time Hawes Building Solutions stood out as being exemplary in my dealings with them as an architect and so it is a privilege to join their team ".

Chris Wilkinson, owner of Endless Fencing and Gotcha Safety Nets says "I've got a lot of time for the Hawes brothers, they're excellent to deal with".

Such sentiments are repeatedly made by clients: Colin Bond says "everyone's doing a great job. Michelle and I have

been really impressed with the progress and more importantly the attitude of everyone involved. You've all been fantastic to deal with" .

"Certainly, from my point of view the project was handled very well from start to finish. It was great to see the job come in bang on budget... We would definitely use your services again if a similar project arose and would have no hesitation in recommending you to others." Chris Chaplin, Engineering & Supply Manager, Trimax Mowing Systems.

Key to the team is our team of carpenters, apprentices, hammer-hands and management staff. "Our loyal and committed staff make the difference to our customers ensuring a high quality finish for a successful project every time" says owner Mark.



"Extending a house whilst living in it with a young family could have been a very difficult experience, but Hawes Building Solutions with their wonderful team of builders made it easy."
Andy & Tania Stokes

Staff Profile – Anthony Hawes

Company Director Anthony Hawes is Mark's brother and is a qualified Quantity Surveyor with 28 years' experience in his field. Anthony has also enjoyed a wide variety of experience in the residential and commercial arenas. These include the pricing and contract management of houses, new factories, educational buildings, health care buildings, apartments and retail refurbishments.

He also spent 5 years in central London working as head quantity surveyor on many projects including a 40 million dollar theatre and luxury apartment complex.

Anthony is employed by Hawes Building Solutions Ltd as a Project Manager and Quantity Surveyor.

Anthony also enjoys the outdoors and was previously a member of the

New Zealand Barefoot Water Skiing Team. He has been the Senior Men's National Champion and was placed 4th overall at the Senior World Championships held here in New Zealand in 2009. He is married to Rachelle and they have three young boys.



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Four years ago when Certified Builders were undertaking a marketing campaign, brothers Mark and Anthony inadvertently found themselves at the centre of it. Anthony recalls "It was a hard case, we turned up thinking they wanted to interview some builders but we were kitted out, heaps of photos were taken and the next thing you know I'm looking at myself on a billboard on the side of the motorway!"

Hawes Building Solutions have been members of Certified Builders since 2008 so it was a privilege to be a part of the campaign. "They've updated their campaign now" says Mark, "but it still makes our

kids laugh at seeing their dads in old BUILD magazines. We got a ribbing at the Certified Builders conference but it was all good fun".

Certified Builders was established in Tauranga in 1998 to protect homeowners from unqualified builders and unethical practices and to promote excellence in building standards. Mark and Anthony are proud to be members of the association and see its mission as complementary to their own uncompromising pursuit of excellence.