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## **Solid Energy Centre recognized in NZ Architecture Awards**

The Solid Energy Centre has collected two awards at the NZIA architecture awards at a function held in Nelson last night.

The first award is the NZIA, Nelson Marlborough Architecture Award in the category of Public Architecture. The Jury citation for this award reads; “An extensive community consultation process has produced this astonishing multi-sport facility serving the Westport community. Innovative use of natural and artificial light provides a delightfully airy, spacious interior. Sophisticated planning allows the sports hall, gym, pools, squash courts and exterior hockey turf to share changing facilities. Layered Cedar screens, pre-coloured metal claddings, stone and kingspan all serve to soften the dominant forms.”

The second is the NZIA, Resene colour Award (for innovative use of colour). The Jury’s comments were; “A mixed palette of natural materials – concrete, stone, folded steel, water washed pebbles and cedar – balance the industrial forms of the pool and stadium. Signage and accent colours have been picked from the photographic entry signage and consistency employed throughout the interior and exterior. Carefully selected exterior colours define the various functions and help reduce the bulk of the building in the open landscape.”

Buller Mayor, Pat McManus was there to accept the awards on behalf of the Buller District Council, upon accepting these he paid tribute to BGBB, Kidson Construction and all working groups who have worked hard to achieve a venue we all can be proud of. “A lot of hard work has gone into creating the environment we have at the Solid Energy Centre, we are extremely thankful to all those who have sponsored this facility and our community for supporting it. To win awards for the Solid Energy Centre is not only an

achievement for Council but for all those who have contributed in some way and to the community that use it.” Comments Pat McManus.

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