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PROFILE

Darren is Founder and Director of Structus. He has over 23 years of rounded experience associated with design, management, contract documentation and construction of small to very large building projects in a variety of sectors including health facilities, education, retail, residential, sports, corrections, industrial and commercial office buildings.

Darren has amassed a comprehensive knowledge of structural engineering design experience through his work on buildings projects in New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Hong Kong and South East Asia. He is experienced with many international design practices and standards including British, European, New Zealand, Australian, ACI and UBC. Darren is skilled in the design of various building materials and systems, including reinforced concrete, precast concrete and engineered timber, plus complex retaining and basement structures.

He is also an experienced client manager and project supervisor, with the credibility and

communications skills necessary to provide clear directives, a collaborate approach and drive the highest of quality standards with the project team. Darren has proved that he is capable of building long term trusted relationships with quality clients and other stakeholders by understanding their needs.

Darren enjoys applying his engineering intelligence to produce safe and robust, yet economic and buildable structural designs that are tailored to meet the specific requirements of each individual project. He applies best practice approaches to consistently deliver high quality solutions.

Darren's outstanding technical competence, coupled with his multi-discipline background and natural management ability, ideally enables him to successfully lead high performing teams of structural and civil engineers on the most challenging of projects. Darren has a positive outlook and team player attitude.

QUALIFICATIONS

BEng Civil (1st Class Hons) – Bachelor of Civil Engineering, University College Dublin 2000

Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng) 2007

Chartered Member of Engineering New Zealand (CMEngNZ)

Kings Hospital School, Dublin 1996

CAREER HISTORY

2015 – Present, Director – Structus Consulting Limited



2015 - MSC Consulting, Auckland

2004 – 2015 Associate, Buildings – Aurecon, Auckland (including overseas placements)

2000 – 2004 Project Engineer, Arup Consulting Engineers, Dublin, Ireland

MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Track record in successful leadership and guidance of structural and multi-discipline design teams on large projects
- Ability to relate well to clients, stakeholders and project teams, providing clear direction and advice
- Strong communication skills, can explain technicalities in simple terms when required
- Proven project and design management ability with a large portfolio of successful and timely outcomes
- Loyal client base with negotiated contracts common, and where tendering is required Darren has a history of high quality project submissions and successful contract negotiation

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Comprehensive theoretical knowledge supplemented by wide variety of practical experience
- Specialist in the design of steel frame, precast and insitu reinforced concrete, post-tensioned concrete, timber, masonry, and composite structures
- Detailed knowledge of the complete design process and construction documentation
- Proven ability to oversee construction work onsite and act as Engineer's Representative

 Meticulous about meeting or exceeding design standards and safety requirements

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

Eden View Apartments, Auckland, 2017-2022, \$45m

New 6 storey apartment building in two blocks with carparking and retail at ground level on street frontage. The structure is typically steel framed with precast concrete double tee floors. The lateral system consists of steel concentrically braced frames in the transverse direction and steel moment resisting frames in the longitudinal direction.

110 Milford Apartments, Auckland, 2017-2023, \$25m

New 6 storey apartment building with car parking and retail at ground level on street frontage. The structure is typically steel framed with precast concrete double tee floors. The lateral system consists of steel sway frames in the transverse direction and precast concrete panels in the longitudinal direction.

39 Flat Bush School Road Terraced Apartments, Auckland, 2018, \$25m

68 no. new 3 storey terraced housing as Stage 1 of a larger urban development. There are 4 no. typical apartment types. The slab system is precast concrete rib and timber infill spanning onto the walls. The lateral system consists of steel sway frames in the along direction and precast concrete panels in the across direction.

Anzac Lofts, Auckland, 2015-present, \$25m



Residential development consisting Terraces and Apartment blocks. Terraces – residential townhouse Units to the rear of the site, comprising 4 no. blocks of buildings of 3-4 storey units. Apartments – mixed use development at the front of the site consisting of retail at the lower floor, plus 4 no. additional floors of apartments above, with insets at the upper storeys requiring complex transfer structures. Typically precast concrete intertenancy walls, with steel sway frames in the longitudinal direction, Comflor slab and deep foundations. Full design, documentation and construction monitoring structural and civil engineering services.

26 Poynton Terrace, Auckland, 2013-2014, \$12m

Prestigious 10 storey apartment building over 2 level basement in a prominent position near Queen St and Karangahape Road. This building will be an attractive addition to Auckland's skyline. Basement consists complex engineering challenges and incorporates a car stacker system. Darren won and led this project for structural, civil and geotechnical engineering services.

Nissan Namata, Auckland, 2021-2023

Two storey terraced housing and apartments residential development for Fletcher Living in Epsom. Predominantly plywood portal frame and GIB braced timber frame structures, with rib raft floor slabs to all buildings and site retaining walls. Structural engineering design and construction monitoring.

Line Epping & Derna Tobruk, Auckland, 2019-2023

Large two storey terraced housing residential developments for Fletcher Living in Glenn Innes and East Tamaki. Predominantly plywood portal frame and GIB braced timber frame structures, with rib raft floor slabs and

some steelwork, plus pipe bridging structures and site retaining walls. Structural engineering design and construction monitoring.

MYLA, Auckland, 2020-2022

Two storey terraced housing and apartments residential development for Fletcher Living in Stonefields. Predominantly plywood portal frame and GIB braced timber frame structures, the Apartments are precast flat slab and reinforced masonry walls, with rib raft floor slabs to all buildings and some steelwork. Structural engineering design and construction monitoring.

Gloucester Street Apartments, Christchurch, 2007

Design and documentation of new 23 storey building comprising mixture of apartments, hotel, carparking, retail and offices. Proposed structure consisted predominantly of insitu reinforced concrete frame with insitu reinforced concrete stair and lift core walls, steel infill framework and precast concrete cladding. In addition, stability was enhanced using insitu reinforced concrete outrigger walls. Darren was Structural Team Leader for this project.

North Gheran, Libya, 2009

Darren was Structural Team Leader for preliminary design and documentation of multiple apartment, hotel, commercial and retail reinforced concrete buildings ranging from 2 storeys up to 10 storeys high on a 1km² urban development site in Tripoli, Libya. This project was designed and documented from the New Zealand offices for the Structus Brisbane office.

Le Trong Tan / Dragon Hills / Diamond Island, Vietnam, 2009-2010



Various projects in Vietnam: Le Trong Tan – Developed design and documentation of 4 no. 30+ storey residential insitu RC towers over single level basement carpark podium.

Dragon Hill – Developed design and documentation of 2 no. 30+ storey residential insitu RC towers over single level basement carpark podium. Diamond Island –developed design of 24 no. 20-40 storey apartment blocks over two level basement carpark.

18 Apirana Avenue, Auckland, 2019-2021

2 no. two storey high end residential development including timber and steel superstructures, suspended ground floor concrete slabs on RC piles, bridging structures and timber pole retaining structures on a constricted site. Structural design, documentation and construction monitoring services.

Belle View Residence, Waiheke Island, 2016

Three storey high end residential development including outdoor pools, cantilever roof and floor structures, tiered pile retaining structures on very steep slope. Full structural design and documentation services.

J & K Finlay Apartments, Tauranga, 2005

Detailed design and documentation produced for three stories over basement apartments at Mt Maunganui. Precast prestressed concrete plank flooring stabilised by reinforced masonry and timber frame walls.

Albany Block C Apartments, Auckland, 2015

Concept structural design for Resource Consent submission of 3 no. 5 storey 2-wing apartment blocks.

12 Stanmore Street, Auckland, 2015-2016

3 storey high end residential development including basement carpark, outdoor pool, complex transfer structures and large retaining structures. Full structural design and documentation services.

11 Keridale Lane, Kerikeri – Northland, 2016

Single storey high end residential development including outdoor pool, exposed engineering timber roof structures. Full structural design and documentation services.

118 Mangakahia Drive, Whangapoua, 2017

A new 2 storey beach house located in Whangapoua, Coromandel. The latest in timber design technology has been utilised with long span exposed glulam beams and plywood shear walls to maximise open areas.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Van Den Brink Development, Auckland, 2007-2012, \$40m

This development consists of a four-storey Office building over a basement carpark, large Supermarket building with post-tensioned slab over basement carpark, and separate two storey Retail Building. Darren provided leadership for structural, fire and civil engineering services on this development project, from the initial concept through to completion of the construction effort.

City of Dreams Casino, Macau, 2007, NZ\$5b

This project consists of six 40-storey residential and hotel towers rising from a multi-level podium incorporating 500,000m² of casino, entertainment, and retail precincts. It includes a single level basement carpark under the entire podium. Darren spent four months in Hong Kong as Structural Leader for



the podium and energy centre during the design phase. The structural team operated as part of a JV consortium and were based in a project office.

Brookfield Place, Perth, 2008, AU\$500m

This slender commercial building consists of a 47-storey office block over a 4-storey basement and is the tallest in Western Australia. It uses a lateral stability system consisting of steel megabraced frames and an offset reinforced concrete core. Darren spent six months in Perth, leading the structural design team from the initial design phase through to production of the construction documentation.

Liffey House Office Building, Dublin – Ireland, 2001-2003, €14m

This award-winning landmark building in the city centre consists of an eight-storey office block over single level basement carpark. Darren steered the development from the initial scheme design through to construction completion, and spent six months onsite as the Engineer's Representative.

67 Customs Street, 2013

Redevelopment of this 12 storey building by adding 3 levels, refurbishing, extending and recladding to create a top class 5+ Star hotel in Auckland's CBD. Darren managed the façade engineering component for the recladding.

Five Mile, Queenstown, 2007

Structural design of the first phase of a long term multi-phase 'whole new town'. First phase included retail, offices, carpark and residential buildings typically 3 stories over basement. Mixed use of steel, timber and concrete frame structure. Darren led a structural team in the Auckland office while

regularly travelling to Christchurch for meetings and liaising with the client and Structus team there.

Westfield Downtown, Auckland, 2008

Preliminary design of 30+ storey office building, with retail podium over 5 level basement carparks in Auckland's CBD. This building was proposed to replace the existing Westfield retail and carpark building. Precast concrete floor system, insitu RC columns and offset post-tensioned concrete stair and lift core. The defining element of this project was the proposed underground rail link from Britomart to Eden passing through basement levels 2 to 4 on a tight radius. Significant transfer structure was designed to support the Southern end of the concrete core, which oversailed the rail tunnel. Top down basement construction with contiguous pile diaphragm walls. Darren provided the design and documentation of the basement structure and rail tunnel within the basement for Westfield and Ontrack.

85 Customs Street, Auckland, 2009

Design and Construct 40+ storey office building, with retail podium over 4 level basement carparks in Auckland's CBD. Darren provided structural engineering construction advice and alternative designs/improvements to the incumbent developed design solution for tender submission with Mainzeal.

35 Barrow Street, Dublin – Ireland, 2004, €18m

Nine stories over basement city centre office block which Darren carried through to detailed design and documentation for construction stage. Insitu reinforced concrete frame and post-tensioned concrete slabs. Flood protected to 3 metres above ground level.



Twilfit House, Dublin - Ireland, 2003, €16m

Preliminary design of multi-story steel framed city centre office block with hanging glazed conference room. Detailed design and site supervision of intricate three story steel frame terraced infill building incorporating cantilevered concrete foundations, masonry walls and timber framing.

54 Clarendon Street, Dublin – Ireland, 2000-2003

Detailed design and site supervision of intricate three story steel frame terraced infill building incorporating cantilevered concrete foundations, masonry walls and timber framing.

Marble Mountain, Danang - Vietnam, 2009

Developed design in Auckland for the superstructure of 12 and 10 storey insitu RC shear wall (longitudinal direction) and sway frame (transverse direction) buildings.

Construction documentation in Auckland of the 3m thick insitu RC raft foundations.

Collaboration between Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Hanoi offices to analyse, design and document these buildings. Site monitoring of the raft foundation settlements, including precast block and sand kentledge, provided results that matched very closely with the analysis. This project was an Aurecon internal awards submission.

INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

5-11 Selwood Road, Auckland, 2017-2018, \$20m

New high specification warehouses -7 no. in total - with associated single storey offices, constructed in a constrained site with challenging site conditions. The warehouses typically contain large spans for the Steltech portal frames or steel rafters on precast

concrete panels. There are canopies to each warehouse. Site retaining walls required to overcome the site topography. Hard stand paving through the development for heavy vehicles. Structus are engaged for structural engineering design and construction monitoring.

Island Units, Auckland, 2019-2020, \$9m

New high specification warehouses – 6 no. conjoined and a single standalone – with associated single and two storey offices for each warehouse, constructed on a high profile site in Highbrook. The warehouses typically contain large spans for the rolled section portal frames, saw-tooth roofs and precast concrete dado panels, plus canopies. Stepped floor levels to overcome the site topography. Hard stand paving throughout the development for heavy vehicles. Structus are engaged for structural engineering design and construction monitoring.

Timberley Development, Auckland, 2019-2020, \$8m

New high specification 4,700m² warehouse with associated two storey offices. The warehouse contains large span Steltech section portal frames, precast concrete dado and full height panels and large canopies. Site retaining walls required to overcome the site topography, and RC bored pile bridging required for a large public stormwater pipe. Hard stand paving for heavy vehicles. Structus are engaged for structural engineering design and construction monitoring.

El Kobar and Underwood 2500 Units, Auckland, 2018-2020, \$15m

New high specification warehouses – 3 no. for the El Kobar project and 1 no. for the 2500 project – with associated two storey offices for each warehouse, constructed on high profile



sites along Highbrook Drive. The warehouses typically contain large spans for the rolled section portal frames and precast concrete dado panels. There are canopies to each warehouse. Site retaining walls required to overcome the site topography. Hard stand paving throughout the development for heavy vehicles. Structus are engaged for structural engineering design and construction monitoring from concept through construction.

Project Diego, Auckland, 2016-2018, \$16m

A new high specification 8,100m2 warehouse with 3 no. two story offices, constructed within an existing industrial complex. The new facility is located at 25 O'Rorke Road, Penrose, Auckland. The warehouse is to contain a high specification post-tensioned slab throughout. The warehouse width varies from 75m to 100m resulting in large spans for the steel portal frames.

189 Captain Springs Road, Onehunga, Auckland, 2016-2017

130m² extension to an existing building. The new building was seismically separated to ensure the two buildings acted independently. Perimeter block walls provided the permanent retaining to the 2m high external soil levels.

Corinthian Drive / CDB Goldair / UD Trucks / Daniel Silva / Bishop Dunn, Auckland, 2004-2015

Large format warehouse and associated office buildings consisting predominantly of steel portal frames and precast concrete wall structures with 2 storey adjoining office facilities.

Pallet Racking Design – multiple projects, 2015-2020

Design of pallet racking presents unique challenges in New Zealand due to the high

seismic forces. Structus has worked closely with Pallet Racking Solution to develop design software and processes for the design of these racks. This included laboratory testing of structural components in order to develop ductile seismic systems which lead to safer and more cost effective designs. Multiple racking design projects nationwide.

RETAIL PROJECTS

Supermarket Refurbishments, NZ wide, 2016-present, \$2-10m

Refurbishment of over 45 no. supermarkets to date for Woolworths NZ, including new pharmacies, mezzanines, concrete slabs, extensions, canopies, store frontages, structural bracing, rooftop plantrooms, bulkheads, partition walls, pylon signs, building component seismic restraints and floor trenches and setdowns. Structural engineering design, Revit documentation and construction monitoring.

Pak'nSave Warkworth, 2019-2023, \$46m

Landmark retail development of over 11,000m² area and consisting two major stores and several specialty retail stores, including loading dock, mezzanines, entry areas, canopies and retaining walls. Structural engineering design, Revit documentation and construction monitoring. Green Star project.

Tauranga Crossing, Tauranga, 2013-2014, \$30m

Stage 1 of landmark retail development consisting two major stores, two mini-majors and multiple specialty retail stores. Darren won and led the structural engineering component of this landmark project, with engineering and drafting services delivered out of Bangkok, Thailand.



Pak'nSave Wairau, Auckland, 2017-2022, \$20m

Refurbishment and extension of the existing store for Foodstuffs North Island, including new 12m high Stock Room and Cool Room structures, loading dock canopy, new mezzanines, new store frontage and entry area, new front canopies, floor modifications and timber pole retaining walls. Structural engineering design, Revit documentation and construction monitoring.

Pak'nSave Botany Refurbishment, Auckland, 2018-2020, \$5m

Refurbishment and extension of the existing store for Foodstuffs North Island, including new entry area structure. Structural engineering design, Revit documentation and construction monitoring.

Countdown Richmond, Nelson, 2019 - 2021, \$14m

The supermarket building consists of 4,500m² of Countdown Supermarket and 2 no. additional retail tenancies, drive through covered loading dock, standalone walkway and pickup canopies and on-grade carparking. Long span steel portal frames form the superstructure and a mixture of precast concrete panels and glazing form the façade. Sustainability and Greenstar initiatives were incorporated into design and build. Structural engineering design, Revit documentation and construction monitoring.

Countdown Awapuni, Palmerston North, 2019-2022, \$13m

The supermarket building consists of 4,500m² of Countdown Supermarket and 1 no. additional retail tenancy, drive through covered loading dock, standalone walkway and pickup canopies and on-grade carparking. Long span steel portal frames

form the superstructure and a mixture of precast concrete panels and glazing form the façade. Timber SED driven piles for liquefiable site in high seismic zone. Structural engineering design, Revit documentation and construction monitoring.

Countdown Waimakariri, Canterbury, 2021-2023, \$12m

New Countdown supermarket building consists of 4,000m² retail space, office area, instore pharmacy, online click and collect space and external pick-up zone, loading bay and on grade carparking. Sustainability, environmental consideration and Greenstar initiatives are incorporated into design and build. Structural engineering design, 3D Revit documentation and construction monitoring.

Countdown Kapiti, Paraparaumu, 2022, \$15m

New Countdown supermarket building consists of 3,800m² retail space, office areas, instore pharmacy, online click and collect space and external pick-up zone, loading bay plus 1 no. separate tenancy. Ground improvement solution in collaboration with Geotech engineers to accommodate challenging ground conditions in a very high seismic zone. Structural engineering design, 3D Revit documentation, seismic restraints and construction monitoring.

Countdown Tawa, Wellington, 2012, \$12m

New supermarket building consists of 4,200m² of Countdown Supermarket with further on grade parking space for 248 cars. Long span steel portal frames form the superstructure. Striking Precast concrete panels form a visually stunning façade. The site was developed by the Vendor and a review of the Vendor's civil works design formed part of the scope of works. Provided civil, structural and geotechnical engineering



construction monitoring through the Wellington office for this project, while the structural and civil design and client liaising was located in Auckland with the project design team.

Fresh Choice Te Ngea, 2016-2017, \$4m

Single-storey Supermarket building in Rotorua. Mezzanine floor and rooftop plantrooms. Total floor area approximately 1,300m². Provided all structural engineering design and Revit documentation, plus construction monitoring.

Fresh Choice Oxford, 2015, \$3m

Delivered by Darren Mitchell while at Aurecon. Provided all structural engineering design and documentation. Single-storey Supermarket building to replace existing Supermarket heavily damaged in the Christchurch earthquakes. The build was required to be staged around the existing building in order to maintain continuous operations of the Supermarket. New carpark and site works, including temporary housing of plant, etc., Mezzanine floor and rooftop plantrooms. Total floor area approximately 1,300m².

Albany Mega Centre Tenancy 14, Auckland, 2017

Alterations to an existing shopfront involving the removal of a large loadbearing precast panel. Andrew the undertook the structural design working closely with the client, architect and contractor to safely provide the temporary and permanent support while considering the relevant load combinations at the various stages of construction.

460 Maunu Road Development, 2016, \$3m

Single-storey Supermarket building in Whangarei, including mezzanine floor. Total floor area approximately 1,000m². Provided

all structural engineering design and Revit documentation.

EDUCATION AND SPORTS PROJECTS

Green Bay, Western Heights, Don Buck Schools, Auckland, 2020-present

Western Heights is a new two storey 4 teaching space and amenities classroom block. Precast concrete walls, steelwork and concrete floor.

Don Buck is a new single storey 4 teaching space and amenities timber framed classroom block, outdoor spaces and access road, plus site retaining to enable the classroom block.

Green Bay is a new single storey 3 teaching space and amenities classroom block, outdoor spaces and access road. Timber framed structure completed to developed design stage and then placed on hold.

Structus is providing the structural, seismic and civil design and documentation of this project, plus construction monitoring.

St Peter's College Science Block, Auckland, 2020-2023

The Science block was built in 1960's and Structus provided Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) and seismic strengthening of existing block. Structural design of the refurbishment and seismic strengthening.

De La Salle College, Auckland, 2020present, \$30m

A new 3 storey 19 classroom block with ground floor administration and teaching space at De La Salle College. The building is part of the masterplan to address the need for larger teaching spaces and increased functionality. The building is constructed on a challenging site, with steep topography, poor



ground conditions and flood susceptibility. The structure generally comprises precast concrete flooring and walls, on ground beams and steel driven piles with overbores. Structus has provided design for a Haul Road to allow for demolition of existing blocks and relocation of buildings at the school. Structus is providing full structural and civil engineering design, documentation, and construction monitoring services.

Hauraki School, Auckland, 2018-2021, \$9m

A new 10 classroom block and ancillary facilities. A two-storey structure consisting of light-weight roof and composite floor decking on Level 1. Portal frames are resisting lateral loads in one direction with braced frames located in the perpendicular direction. The project includes civil design and demolition of two blocks with a total of 4 no. teaching spaces and resource areas to allow the construction of the new 10 classroom block.

Pompallier College, Whangarei, 2020-2023

A new single storey 4 no. teaching space classroom block, plus a Detailed Seismic Assessment and refurbishment of 2 no. two storey existing classroom blocks. Structus is providing full structural engineering design, documentation and construction monitoring services.

Auckland Normal Intermediate, Auckland, 2020-2023, \$10m

A 1,000m² Teaching Space and a new 730m² Multi-Purpose Space. The Teaching Space is a two-storey structure. The Multi-Purpose Space is a long span structure. Structus is providing full structural engineering design, documentation, and construction monitoring services.

Merit Winner – Property Council NZ Property Industry Awards 2023, Education Property Award

St Ignatius Secondary School, Drury, 2021-2023, \$50m (Stage 1)

A new secondary school with works over 3 Stages. The masterplan for the site includes Residential, Secondary School, Primary and Early Child care facilities. Structus has been engaged for Stage 1-3 structural engineering concept and preliminary design for the Secondary School, and full design and construction monitoring services on Stage 1 which comprises a 3 storey Teaching & Learning and Administration Block, Chapel, Auditorium, Hall, Café, Changing rooms, Library and Entry.

Bream Bay College, Northland, 2020-2023

Two new Classroom Blocks consisting of a single storey 6 classroom block comprising 2 buildings connected with a central canopy, and a single storey 4 classroom block. The buildings are part of the masterplan to address the need for increased functionality. Constructed in engineered timber on waffle raft slabs, with allowance for rooftop photovoltaic panels. Structural and civil engineering design, 3D Revit and Civil 3D documentation, and construction monitoring.

Kamo High School, Northland, 2020-present, \$30m

Concept and preliminary structural engineering design of two new large two storey Classroom blocks, a single storey Blomfield block, breezeways, walkway canopies and a single storey Whare building on an existing campus. Completion of the design as staged building consents for all structures and seismic restraints. The structures predominantly comprise precast concrete shear walls, composite metal deck



slabs on steel frame and concrete waffle slabs, with steel truss roofs. This is a government designated shovel ready project. Structus is providing the structural, seismic design and documentation for this project, plus construction monitoring.

Unitec Tranche 1 – Hub, Trades and Infrastructure, Auckland, 2015-2017, \$50m

Darren tendered for and led the structural and civil engineering design for both these projects while at MSC and then undertook design development and monitoring during construction, as the first Stage in many on the Unitec campus redevelopment. The Hub project is a Social Learning space and consists two new suspended floors within an existing plaza area, with a Glulam diagrid timber roof oversailing the space, spanning onto 'tree' columns. The Trades building is a large format single storey long span structure to house Trades education spaces and includes large mezzanine structures and part basement. The Trades building is futureproofed for a 4 storey Performing and Screen Arts building oversailing the Trades structure. New wetland that also functions as stormwater detention pond.

Hub – Gold Winner – Master Builders New Zealand Commercial Project Awards

Hub and CET – Merit Winner – Property Council NZ Property Industry Awards 2018, Education Property Award

Hub – Winner – NZI Auckland Architecture Award

Unitec School of Architecture, Auckland, 2019, \$11m

The School of Architecture project consists two storeys of open plan, high quality learning spaces interconnected with the existing heritage building in a prominent position on the campus. The new extension seamlessly integrates with the existing building, and complements the architecture of the existing building, which will also house the School of Architecture. The structure generally comprises steel frame with concrete filled columns, Comflor slab and Hyspan purlins, with stainless steel cross bracing. Structus services comprise structural and civil engineering design, and through construction monitoring.

Wintec Block D Redevelopment, Hamilton, 2012 and 2016

Redevelopment of existing Block D into Laboratory facilities, plus the inclusion of an additional floor for student accommodation. Integration of the Block with surrounding existing buildings, including site infrastructure. Considering of buildability and operational issues in busy Wintec City Campus. Revisited the feasibility of extending Blocks D and E through development of preliminary designs for 2 no. concrete and steel floors, or 3 no. Cross Laminated Timber and steel floors on top of the existing 4 storey concrete structures.

Trinity College Dublin Arts Building, Dublin – Ireland, 2000-2002, €6m

Detailed design and site supervision of high profile, elegant additional steel frame level with curved steelwork roof over existing multi-level reinforced concrete building. The existing building remained in service throughout construction.

Kings School New Sports Dome and Teaching Facility, Auckland, 2005-2007, \$13m

Darren led the structural, civil and building services teams in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch offices for detailed design and construction phases of these buildings. Multi-



level teaching building consists of reinforced concrete frame and precast concrete walls. Large gymnasium with double basement built into steep slope, and mezzanine viewing platforms. Precast concrete floor systems, masonry walls. Cantilevered bored pile retaining walls with ground anchors and spray concrete infill.

Christ the King, Auckland, 2007

New single storey classroom facilities, church, parish, pool facilities and presbytery. Structure consists of lightweight steelwork frames, timber framing, reinforced masonry walls and precast concrete walls. Darren supervised all building services and structural disciplines during the design phases.

Auckland Korean Catholic Church and Community Centre, Auckland, 2004-2005

Detailed design and site supervision of church and associated hallway, offices and classroom block from scheme stage through to construction completion. Lightweight steelwork roof and frame, precast concrete wall panels, and timber framing. Darren also provided project management services on this project.

St. Dominic's College New Gymnasium, Auckland, 2005-2006

Darren led the detailed design and document production of gymnasium and associated adjoining facilities, and construction observation. Lightweight steelwork roof and frame, precast concrete wall panels and steelwork facilities areas. Lightwork steelwork and glazed foyer area

Liston College Classroom Block, Auckland, 2006

Darren led the detailed design and construction monitoring of this two storey ten

classroom block. Insitu and precast reinforced concrete frame and precast prestressed concrete floor system.

Lightweight steelwork cranked roof over.

Queensland University of Technology / Advanced Engineering Building / Queensland Police Academy / Brisbane City Hall and Prince Alfred College, Australia, 2009-2010, AU\$10-200m

Darren was manager of Revit modelling projects from the Auckland office for the Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne offices. Revit modelling and documentation was typically produced to For Construction level. The AEB project was detailed with all steelwork and timber connections documented in 3D.

CIVIC PROJECTS

Manukau Precinct Project, Auckland, 2010-2014, \$50m

Property Council NZ Property Industry Awards 2016 – Winner Excellence, Special Purpose Property Award

This project required full multi-discipline design for the refurbishment of the existing Manukau Courts building and a proposed new multi-storey building adjacent to it. Darren successfully tendered this project, was project director and leader of the structural, civil, geotechnical, building service and fire engineering detailed design effort and construction works, and also acted as client relationship executive for the Ministry of Justice.

Gasometer Carpark, Auckland, 2018-2020, \$25m

This project consisted of a 15 split level carpark in Takapuna, Auckland. The structure is the main component of the project cost;



therefore, a significant effort was spent ensuring the structural efficiency was achieved, with the final design being reinforced concrete piles and ground beams in potentially liquefiable soil, long spanning composite steel beams spanning 17m and composite CHS columns. Early contractor engagement meant that buildability issues were resolved early, ensuring the final design provided a practical and efficient structural scheme.

Westhaven Marine Centre, Auckland, 2013, \$25m

Westhaven Marine Centre consists 3 no. twostorey buildings to house commercial, retail,
food and beverage, and sail-making facilities.
Darren delivered the structural and civil
engineering services for Auckland Waterfront
Development Agency. Development of an
industry first application of sustainable multistorey timber design that significantly reduces
construction programme and cost, while also
providing effective durability in marine
environment and enhanced aesthetics.
Striking features of the building form, including
cantilevered external cross timber laminated
stairs and upper storey structures.

Maroochydore Government Office Building, Queensland, 2009-2010, AU\$50m

This project required detailed design and production of construction documentation.

This high-profile 10-storey post-tensioned concrete building over single level basement carpark achieved a five star Greenstar rating.

Darren led the structural design team operating from Auckland.

Mt Eden/ACRP Redevelopment, Auckland, 2010-2011, \$180m

This project redeveloped the existing prison and included two multi-storey accommodation units, a 4-level support building, gatehouse

and car park building. Darren managed the civil and structural engineering works during the construction stage.

Auckland Regional Women's Correctional Facility Enhancement Project, Auckland, 2014, \$10m

Risk mitigation, security upgrade and sundry buildings for this complex enhancement project. Darren won this project and is project director for services including structural, civil, geotechnical engineering, Safety in Design and Flashfire Protection (both provided via Australian resources).

Paremoremo High Security Corrections Facility, Auckland, 2006, \$7m

This project involved construction of the At Risk and Health Unit at this operational maximum security prison in Auckland. Darren provided monitoring services during the construction works, which incorporated structural steelwork and precast concrete wall panel buildings.

Hanoi Museum, Hanoi - Vietnam, 2010

Engineering report on rectification of defective concrete on 10m deep x 8.4m span concrete cantilevers at roof level. The building is constructed with four lift/stair shafts and concrete deep beams cantilevering at the top floor level. These beams support steel trusses cantilevering a further 16.8m with 3 levels of hanging steel frame and concrete slab. Site visit in Vietnam to assess the defects and develop a remedial solution, which was to remove the concrete in places, grout inject in others and carry out further investigation on the concrete.

HEALTHCARE AND AGED CARE PROJECTS

Aria Park, Auckland, 2023-Present, \$50m



A new multi-storey aged care and residential apartment facility at 1-3 Claude Road, Epsom, Auckland. The project includes a 3-storey reinforced concrete building with light timber framed walls and roof trusses over, and basement carpark linking through a tunnel to the adjacent existing Epsom on the Park building and associated retaining site structures.

Aria Bay, Auckland, 2016-2023, \$60m

New retirement village development consisting of 2 no. 5 storey apartments blocks and a 4 storey day clinic block (Importance Level 3) within an existing operational retirement village campus, plus a two storey link and bridge structure in a very constricted part of the site. Significant RC soldier pile tiered retaining structures with ground anchors, RC bored pile foundations, precast concrete shear walls and steel frames. Structural engineering design, Revit documentation and construction monitoring.

Bethlehem Shores, Tauranga, 2022-present, \$80m

A new multi storey over basement aged care facility at Bethlehem Shores Retirement Village, Tauranga. Designed with Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) and shear walls to create a lightweight, durable and robust building. Structural design, Revit documentation, seismic restraint of building components and construction monitoring.

Arvida Clubhouses, Various locations, 2021-present

4 no. new clubhouses for Arvida Retirement Villages – Mary Doyle, Te Puna Waiora, Copper Crest and Bethlehem Shores River lodge. Engineered timber including laminated veneer lumber (LVL), glulam (GL) and cross laminated timber (CLT) are ultilised as structural elements for these projects, to

create a lightweight, durable and low carbon footprint building. Structural design, Revit documentation, seismic restraint of building components and construction monitoring.

Whangarei Hospital, SSBC2 – Te Kotuku, Northland, 2021-2023, \$50m

An additional level to the existing 3 level building, including an upper level full length suspended concrete enclosed plant area, connected 4 level egress core including lift and stairs servicing all levels. Egress core with lifts and stairs for public access links the building over multiple levels with an existing medical Block, external precast concrete elevated walkway structure and new canopy roof over. The eastern core is seismically isolated from the building and existing Block. Precast concrete shear wall structure that oversails an existing trunk services tunnel linking the Hospital, with RC bored piles. Structural, civil, geotechnical and surveying services for design and construction.

North Shore Hospital Taharoto, Auckland, 2013-2014, \$25m

Mental Health Unit at North Shore Hospital, consisting of single and two level building with 2 no. basement areas. Darren tendered this project and was project leader for structural, building services (mechanical, hydraulics, electrical, ICT/Security, Acoustics and Fire Protection) and civil engineering on this development project, from the initial concept through construction.

Whangarei Hospital Theatres Extension, Auckland, 2019-2020, \$10m

Extension to the existing Theatres building at Whangarei Hospital, consisting of a two level building with the extension to provide additional Operating Theatre facilities. This is an Importance Level 3 structure. Structus services comprise structural engineering on



this project, from the value engineered concept through construction, plus geotechnical engineering provided by a subconsultant.

Whangarei Hospital various works, Whangarei, 2008-2014, \$30m

New \$16m Mental Health Inpatient Unit at Whangarei Hospital. Civil and structural engineering design and construction monitoring from concept through construction. 100m long x 4.5m high bored concrete pile retaining wall with ground anchors and Shotcrete finish. New \$15m Maternity unit and site wide infrastructure upgrade (including Energy Centre upgrade), provided structural, civil, ICT and acoustic engineering services plus construction monitoring including management of a local sub-consultant. Provided engineering services on several other projects for Northland District Health Board including civil and building services infrastructure review, a new road and on grade 200 space carpark, CT scanner refurbishment, new temporary carparks / building platforms and seismic assessments on multiple buildings at 4no. Northland hospitals. Darren was Project Director, Leader and Client Relationship Executive for all work with Whangarei Hospital and NDHB.

Norfolk Southern Cross Hospital, Tauranga, 2005-2006, \$30m

New multi-level private hospital facility on greenfield site. Darren was responsible for leading the structural team from scheme stage through to detailed design and document production for construction stage. Incorporates insitu and precast concrete frames with prestressed concrete ribbed slab system, with a structural steel portal frame operating theatre block. Provisions made for future additional lightweight steel frame storey and extension of operating theatre block.

Darren spent 6 months in Aurecon's Tauranga office overseeing all disciplines during construction.

Waitakere Hospital SCBU, Auckland, 2017-2022, \$10m

Refurbishment and extension to the existing Special Care and Birthing Unit at Waitakere Hospital, consisting of single level building with both existing building refurbishment and extension to provide additional facilities. This is an Importance Level 4 structure. Structus services comprise structural engineering on this project, from the initial concept through construction.

St. Vincents University Hospital Main Block, Dublin – Ireland, 2003, €65m

Large-scale insitu and precast reinforced concrete multi-story building on a hospital campus. Long span composite castellated steel beams, steel frame links, cantilevered steel scissor stairs and glazed curtain gable walls laterally stabilised by curved catenary cable trusses. Darren provided extensive computer modelling, analysis and design of the glazed gable walls and vibration of the structure below the operating theatres.

Caughey Preston Trust Rest Home, Auckland, 2009-2011, \$7m

Civil and structural engineering services for this new extension to the existing Caughey Preston Hospital Campus. Single storey steel and timber frame structure over part basement level. Cantilever 4m high bored concrete piles supporting an existing brick two storey building. Darren was Project Leader and Client Relationship Executive for this project from concept design.

Mercy Ascot, Auckland, 2007



Darren provided preliminary designs of a two level Cancer Care unit including 2 no. large concrete bunkers for linear accelerators and a two level carpark structure. Predominantly precast and insitu RC design.

Hermitage Clinic, Dublin - Ireland, 2003

Darren provided preliminary design for this major hospital project. Building structure schemes consisted of insitu reinforced concrete frame and of composite steel and concrete frame.

Galway Clinic, Ireland, 2003, €53m

Large hospital complex consisting of steel frame, insitu reinforced concrete and composite steel/RC structures. Features include central atrium with long span steel truss roof, three level glass fin wall façade and helical stair. Darren provided preliminary design for this project.

DETAILED SEISMIC ASSESSMENTS AND STRENGTHENING

Central Park, Auckland, 2017-2020

Structus has completed a comprehensive Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) of five reinforced concrete multi story commercial buildings at Central Park, Auckland. The DSA was completed to provide the client, Goodman Nominee Ltd, with an accurate %NBS for their buildings. The assessment was completed in accordance with the latest Seismic Assessment methodology and utilized 3D finite element analysis to understand how the buildings perform in an earthquake. Structus also provided DSA peer review services and significant seismic strengthening design and construction monitoring services for 4 no. additional buildings in the precinct, including shear wall ground anchoring, concrete and steelwork strengthening.

87-89 Albert Street, Auckland, 2016

The building is a 13 storey reinforced concrete moment resisting frame designed and constructed in the 1980's. The building is currently used as an office building. The client wished to consider changing the use of the building, which required that the seismic performance of the building be assessed against the current building standards. In order to assess the seismic performance of the tower advanced computer analysis techniques were used to accurately quantify the building response during an earthquake. Stair remedial works to allow for sliding to accommodate building drifts.

1135 Arawa Street, Rotorua, 2016-2017

1135 Arawa Street is a 10 storey reinforced concrete shear wall building located in Rotorua. The building was designed and constructed in the 1980's. The building is currently used as an office building. The client wishes to consider changing the use of the building, which requires that the seismic performance of the building be assessed against the current building standards. In order to assess the seismic performance of the tower advanced computer analysis techniques were used to accurately quantify the building response in during an earthquake. Strengthening of shear walls through the use of fibre reinforced polymer and stair remedial works to allow for sliding to accommodate building drifts.

85-101 Alexandra Street, Hamilton, 2016-2017

85-101 Alexandra Street is a reinforced concrete office and car parking building located in Hamilton. The building is comprised of four separate structures including 4 storey carpark podium and two 10-14 storey Office towers. The building was designed and constructed in the 1980's. The seismic



bracing for the building consists of reinforced concrete moment resisting frames. In order to evaluate the seismic capacity of the building Structus developed a computer programme to analyse the frames. This resulted in an accurate determination of the buildings seismic capacity. Structural strengthening works to allow for 100% NBS performance of the building were designed and construction monitored by Structus.

165 The Strand, Auckland, 2016-2017

The building is a 2 storey reinforced concrete moment resisting frame with a 2 storey newer steel structure above. The building is currently used as office and retail tenancies. In order to assess the seismic performance of the building advanced computer analysis techniques were used to accurately quantify the building response during an earthquake. Structural strengthening works to allow for 67% NBS performance of the building were designed and construction monitored by Structus.

Millennium Centre, Auckland, 2016-2017

Millennium Centre comprises 7 no. mainly office buildings (typically 4 storeys) in total over two level basement carparks, part of which are combined over several buildings. The structures generally comprise reinforced concrete frames and precast concrete shear walls, with the 5 storey carpark a steel kframed structure. The development was designed and constructed in the early 2000's. In order to evaluate the seismic capacity of the building Structus developed computer programmes to analyse the structures. This resulted in an accurate determination of the structures seismic capacity. Seismic strengthening was implemented to local areas, plus significant strengthening to the multi-storey carpark.

2-4 Kitchener Street, Auckland, 2017

The building is a 14 storey reinforced concrete moment resisting frame designed and constructed in the 1980's. The building is currently used as offices, retail and carparking. To assess the seismic performance of the tower advanced computer analysis techniques were used to accurately quantify the building response during an earthquake. The building is on a sloped site with the two lower levels being underground on the eastern side.

65 Main Highway, Auckland, 2017

Comprises 2 no. office buildings (4 storeys) over three level basement carparks common below the two buildings. The structures comprise reinforced concrete frames to the upper floors and precast concrete shear walls to the basement levels. The development was designed and constructed in the early 2000's. To evaluate the seismic capacity of the building Structus developed computer programmes to analyse the structures. This resulted in an accurate determination of the structures seismic capacity.

75 Queen Street, Auckland, 2013-2014

Seismic assessment, structural strengthening and substantial tenancy refurbishment for this 4 to 6 level heritage building at a prime location in Auckland's CBD. Darren won this project and was project director for structural, geotechnical and fire engineering services through a staged development of the building.

135 St Asaph St / 221 Annex Road, Christchurch, 2015

Design management of detailed seismic assessment and structural strengthening of large format warehouse and associated office buildings consisting predominantly of steel portal frames and precast concrete or masonry wall structures.



Ministry of Education, seismic assessments, 2012

Seismic assessment and reporting for roughly 60 school buildings in the Auckland region. Darren managed a team of engineers to provide fast-tracked response to MoE requirements for brief seismic assessments for a range of school buildings across the region.

PEER REVIEWS

Peer Reviews, 2015-present

Structural peer reviews for the following projects:

- IKEA, Auckland (New purpose built mega store - steel frame with Comflor slab and steel portal roof structure over, with steel bracing systems supplemented by concrete cores)
- Fisher & Paykel Building 5 and Carpark, Auckland (Building 5 – 54,000m² manufacturing centre and 2 storey offices. Carpark – 2 blocks of 6 storey's plus pedestrian footbridge)
- OMC Apartments, Auckland (8 storey high specification large format apartment block)
- Quad 19 Apartments, Auckland (3 storey high end apartment block)
- Lauriston Park, Cambridge (Aged care facility - 2 no. apartment buildings and Care facility)
- Carlaw Park, Auckland (\$120m, 10 storey student accommodation facility)
- Laurenson Business Park, Auckland (27no. 2 storey commercial units)
- IAG Development, Auckland (3 storey commercial office building, with complex offset core lateral stability system)

- 30-40 Enfield Street, Auckland (\$25m, 5 storey residential development)
- 52 Sale Street, Auckland (\$13m, 9 storey residential development) Property
 Council NZ Property Industry Awards
 2018 Winner Excellence & Best in Category, Multi-Unit Residential
 Property Award
- Pinesong Block G, Auckland (8 storey retirement village apartments development)
- Crest Apartments, Auckland (5 storey high specification large format apartment block)
- Fisher & Paykel Building 4, Auckland (\$140m, 30,000m² warehouse, plus distribution centre, offices and laboratory facility)
- Greenwich Gardens Stage 3, 9 & 10, Auckland (6 no. 4 Storey retirement village buildings)
- Copper Crest Retirement Village,
 Tauranga (3 blocks up to 4 storeys care and apartment facilities)
- 18 St Martin's Lane, Auckland (7 storey extension to existing 8 storey apartment building)
- Various Supermarket Detailed Seismic Assessments





