

of wood in only

35 minutes

One of the first CLT

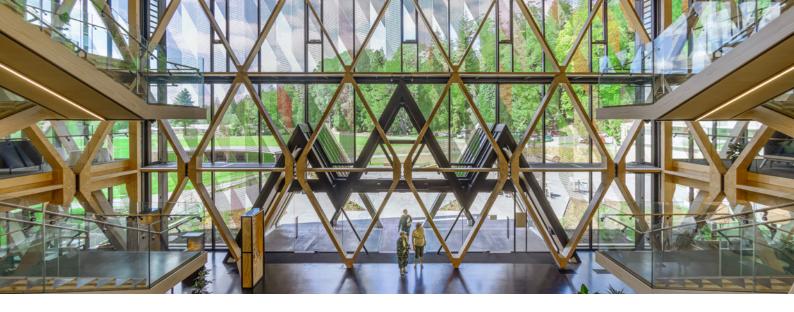
lift shafts in the world

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veneer lumber (LVL),

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(CLT) and Glulam



## Design and construction facts

Te Whare Nui o Tuteata, a three-storey, 2000 m² building, is believed to be a world first for a wooden diagrid structure of its size.

**Diagonal grid structures (diagrids)** are an efficient way to provide strength and stiffness and require less material than traditional structures.

**Engineered timbers** have been used for their physical properties, sustainability and environmental performance.

- The diagrid frames and entry canopies use Glulam and laminated veneer lumber technology
- The floor beams and roof trusses have been manufactured from laminated veneer lumber
- The floors, lift shaft panels, suspended staircases and meeting room bracing is made from cross laminated timber (CLT)

**Performance and safety.** The connections between the diagrid units include a steel component designed to deform during severe earthquakes to protect the building. These components are replaceable.

**Stored carbon.** The 454m³ of structural wood in the building stores approximately 418 tonnes of CO2-e. This is equivalent to the emissions of 160 people taking return flights from Auckland to London. New Zealand radiata pine forests can regrow this amount of wood in 35 minutes.

**Features.** The atrium ceiling was inspired by the structure of the radiata pine genome. The atrium ceiling lights are positioned to reflect the Matariki star cluster. Traditional tukutuku weaving inspired the design on the double-skin glass façade, which provides heat recovery in winter and regulates thermal gains in summer. Other energy saving features include natural ventilation, solar shading and LED lighting.

The name 'Te Whare Nui o Tuteata' was gifted by Ngāti Hurungaterangi, Ngāti Taeotu me Ngāti Te Kahu.

The name acknowledges the mana of their tupuna Tuteata, from whom the hapū descend and their connection to the whenua, Te Mingi.



## Kowhaiwhai designs

The kowhaiwhai designs were gifted to Scion by Ngāti Hurungaterangi, the haukāinga or local people. The designs come from their wharenui at Hurungaterangi Marae, Ngāpuna.

The puhoro design on the middle peak of the building represents swiftness, speed, strength, strategy and agility. It is often seen on the prow of a waka indicating a journey, direction and forging new horizons.

The mangōpare design on the outer peaks of the building represent the hammerhead shark and depict strength, power, caring and guardianship. It also represents the various guardians who guided the journeys of ancestors. The mangōpare is also depicted on entry doors, the ceiling of the mahau/entrance way, and throughout the building.

## The team

ARCHITECTURAL

DESIGN . . . . . . . . . RTA Studio, Irving Smith Architects

STRUCTURAL

ENGINEERING. . . . . . . . Dunning Thornton Consultants

ENGINEERED WOOD

FABRICATION . . . . . . . TimberLab/XLam

CONSTRUCTION . . . . . . . Watts & Hughes

PROJECT MANAGERS . . . . . RDT Pacific

EXHIBITION DESIGN

AND INSTALLATION  $\ \ldots$  The Gibson Group

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING . . Professional Consulting Services

MECHANICAL

AND HYDRAULIC DESIGN . . . eCubed

FIRE ENGINEERS . . . . . . . . Cross Fire

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