



New Zealand Institute of Architects Incorporated

Aon New Zealand becomes Principal Sponsor of 2016 Gold Medal Tour

The New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) is pleased to announce that Aon New Zealand has been named as the Principal Sponsor of the New Zealand Institute of Architects' Gold Medal Tour. The tour sees one of New Zealand's most distinguished architects present a talk in eight centres, and share ideas about achieving excellence in architecture.

Teena Hale Pennington, Chief Executive of the NZIA, welcomes Aon New Zealand's sponsorship of the tour.

"The tour presents an opportunity for one of New Zealand's best and most well-regarded architects to share insights about achieving excellence in the built environment. We are very pleased that Aon shares our enthusiasm for this cause and sees the value of promoting excellence in architecture to a wide audience," she says.

The NZIA Gold Medal is conferred annually upon an architect who, over a period of time, has made an outstanding contribution to the practice of architecture. This contribution is demonstrated through the production of a consistently high-quality body of work. In 2015, The Gold Medal was awarded to Wellington architect Stuart Gardyne.

Gardyne, a director of Wellington practice architecture+, was awarded the Gold Medal for an outstanding body of significant works that includes City Gallery Wellington, Te Wharewaka o Poneke-Te Raukura on Wellington waterfront, Spark Central, Conservation House, Pataka-Porirua Museum of Arts, and Hutt City administration building. Smaller, residential works include Morrison's Bush Cabin and Ponatahi House

In March this year, the 2016 NZIA Aon New Zealand Gold Medal Tour will take Gardyne to eight centres: Auckland, New Plymouth, Hamilton, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, Napier and Wellington. The talks are free and all are welcome. Full event details for each centre can be viewed [here](#).

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