

Skate Park Takes Home Top Concrete Placing Award

ANGUS MCMILLAN CONCRETE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE 2015 SUPREME MASTER CONCRETE PLACERS AWARD FOR ITS OUTSTANDING WORK ON THE HASTINGS SKATE PARK.

The Award, presented at the annual Master Concrete Placers Association conference held in Auckland, acknowledged that each aspect of the skate park was cast in-place, requiring not only a good working relationship with the civil contractor, but also oversight of formwork, reinforcing and concrete placement.

Concrete finishes were many and varied, including integral and cast-in colour, stencilled, exposed aggregate and polished.

Convenor of judges, Adam Leach of the Cement & Concrete Association of NZ (CCANZ), praised the skate park's sustainability credentials and its success as a hub for community activity.

Dave Barker of Allied Concrete with Supreme Award winners Carol and Angus McMillan

"Local residents drove the project during consultation, design and development, and have made tremendous use of all that it has to offer since its opening," said Adam.

"The judges were impressed with how the Hastings Skate Park brings together people by combining a long-term community vision, responsive urban design and (of course) superb concrete placing."

Angus McMillan Concrete were the focal point during construction for this 'common area' that stands as a testament to community will power and co-operation, as well as the hands-on skills of concrete placers and their role in creating a built environment that responds to genuine need.

The judging panel also noted how their task was made difficult by a range of high calibre entries that demonstrated the expertise, determination and passion of those who work in the field of concrete placing. The support of the Awards sponsors, particularly that of Allied Concrete as Supreme Award sponsor, was also acknowledged.

On their way to the Supreme Award the team at Angus McMillan Concrete also won the *Holcim (New Zealand) Ltd Environmental / Sustainability Award.*