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### **Green Bay High School wins people's choice building challenge**

A group of students from Green Bay High School in Waitakere, Auckland has won the BCITO 2009 Build-Ability Challenge People's Choice award for a deck and pergola built for the Kakariki Marae, located at their school.

The project will be an asset to the school community, providing an outdoor area for functions or cultural gatherings to be held in.

The Build-Ability Challenge, currently in its fifth year, is a nationwide secondary school-based competition requiring teams of students to construct a building project that is donated to a local community group. The People's Choice award is part of this annual challenge and rewards the most popular project as voted on [www.constructionzone.co.nz](http://www.constructionzone.co.nz).

This year, 36 schools throughout the country entered teams in the Build-Ability Challenge – more than double the number of entries in last year's competition. An impressive total of 829 votes were received for the 2009 People's Choice award.

Judges said the Green Bay High School's client consultation phase was particularly impressive as it took careful note of the requirements and suggestions of the entire marae committee.

"The Green Bay submission had a very personal look and feel by comparison with many. Extensive use of handwritten records and colour, as well as the landscaped A3 presentation was certainly a point of difference," competition judges said.

BCITO chief executive Ruma Karaitiana was impressed with the success of the 2009 Build-Ability Challenge and the popularity of the People's Choice award which he says reinforces the value of the challenge to both students and their communities.

"It's fantastic that so many have engaged with a unique competition that not only teaches school students about careers in building and construction, but also provides much needed support to a wide range of community organisations," Mr Karaitiana says.

Cambridge High School won the national BCITO 2009 Build-Ability Challenge for a toilet they built for Te Awamutu Cemetery and a team from Morrinsville College took out second place for a picnic table built for their school. Third place was claimed by Hamilton Boys' High School, for a barn-style play house built for the local Argyle Preschool.

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### **Notes to Editor**

#### **About the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO)**

The BCITO is appointed by the Government to develop and implement industry qualifications for the building and construction sector. There are more than 4000 employers and more than 7000 trainees involved in industry training with the BCITO.

The Build-Ability Challenge is one of the BCITO's initiatives to raise awareness of the career choices for young people in the building and construction industry. Entries in the 2010 competition will open from November this year.

#### **2009 Build-Ability Challenge Projects**

##### **WINNER**

*Cambridge High School*

Unisex, disabled-access toilet for the Te Awamutu Cemetery

##### **HIGHLY COMMENDED**

###### **Second place**

*Morrinsville College*

Picnic table for the pool area at Morrinsville College

###### **Third place**

*Hamilton Boys' High School*

Barn-style playhouse for Argyle Preschool

##### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

*Green Bay High School*

Deck and pergola for the Kakariki Marae at Green Bay High School

##### **OTHER 2009 ENTRIES**

###### **Northland**

*Kaitaia College*

Retaining wall for the entrance to Kaitaia College

###### **Auckland**

*Glenfield College*

Table and seating suitable for the Glenfield College restaurant

*Green Bay High School*

Deck and pergola for the Kakariki Marae at Green Bay High School

*Otahuhu College*

Picnic table for the Kotuku Unit at Otahuhu College

**Waikato**

*Hamilton's Fraser High School*

Playhouse for Little Feet Child Care Centre

*Ngaruawahia High School*

Sandpit for the Turangawaewae Kohanga Reo Preschool

*Otorohanga College*

Fence, BBQ table and bench seat for retirement village Beattie Home

*Raglan Area School*

A Waharoa where visitors can be welcomed onto the local Poihakena Marae

*Taumaranui High School*

Bench seating for the Papamoa Tennis Club

*Te Kuiti High School*

Viewing platform/deck on the Awatea Walkway

**Bay of Plenty**

*Mt Maunganui College*

Dual-purpose picnic table and table tennis table for Mt Maunganui College

*Opotiki College*

Fence around the Community Art House

*Tauranga Girls' College*

Pool seating for the Westpac Community Pool Trust

**Eastland**

*Gisborne Boys' High School*

Shaded BBQ area for the Rockforte Finance Olympic Pool Complex

**Taranaki**

*New Plymouth Boys' High School*

Small workbench for children at the YMCA Early Childhood Centre

**Hawkes Bay**

*Napier Boys' High School*

Outdoor activities table for Mary Richmond Kindergarten

**Manawatu/Wanganui**

*Feilding High School*

Outside seating area for Woodlands of Feilding rest home

*Rangitikei College*

Children's adventure playground for Paimaire Te Kohanga Reo

*Queen Elizabeth College*

Boat-shaped playground equipment for Roslyn School

*Waiopahu College*

Enclosed vegetable garden in raised beds for Waiopahu College

**Wellington/Wairarapa**

*Heretaunga College*

Child-sized workbench for the Hutt Hospital preschool unit

*St Patrick's College, Silverstream*

Bench seats for St Patrick's College, Silverstream

*Chanel College*

Shed for school patrol equipment for St Patrick's School

**Nelson/West Coast**

*Karamea Area School*

Restoration and renovation of a 1900s railway wagon

*Motueka High School*

Three two-man garden seats for Te Whare Pora

**Canterbury**

*Lincoln High School*

Outdoor seating for the Lincoln High School gymnasium

*Timaru Boys' High School*

Garden bench and equipment trolley for Riding for the Disabled

*Hillmorton High School*

Outdoor garden and seating area for the Chris Ruth Centre for disabilities

**Otago/Southland**

*Aurora College*

Gazebo-styled sandpit for the Tisbury Playcentre, Invercargill.

*Maniototo Area School*

Outdoor table and chairs to be sold or raffled for funds for Maniototo Area School

*Northern Southland College*

Pergola for the Lumsden Volunteer Fire Brigade

*Tuatapere Community College*

Woolshed and farm block project, to be completed late 2009.

*Westmount School, Waitaki Campus*

Kitten adventure playground for the Oamaru SPCA