

New image for firm



The unusual lines of Arthur Young House provide a bridging effect visually between the more residential designs of the buildings on one side and the conventional aspect of other New Plymouth commercial buildings on the other side and across Powderham St. The three floors of the city's newest building accommodate the New Plymouth office of Arthur Young and Company on the top floor and part of the second floor, optometrist J. S. McKinnon on the remainder of the second floor and Shell BP and Todd Oil Services on the ground floor.

Blends with surroundings

Arthur Young House has been carefully designed to blend in with its surroundings.

New Plymouth's newest office building is in a transitional zone between the city's residential and commercial areas.

The principle consultants for the project, consulting engineers Holmes, Wood, Poole and Johnstone Ltd, worked closely with Arthur Young to develop the traditional residential design.

Holmes, Wood, Poole and

Johnstone employed architects Boon, Goldsmith and Company and quantity surveyors Russell, Drysdale and Thomas Ltd on the three-storey building, which reflects the latest architectural trends while complementing the neighbouring AMP Society building, where a residential scale was also used.

The visual bulk of the building was reduced by the use of symmetrical proportioning and utilising a change in level between

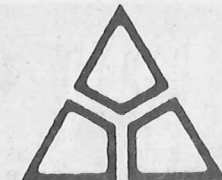
the Powderham Street and Vivian Street frontages.

Contour and climate influenced the design of the new office building. Existing trees on the site have been preserved, and others nearby will be enhanced by new landscaping.

The designers have succeeded in maximising the area-to-cost ratio while placing due emphasis on aesthetic values.

Arthur Young House marries all these practical

and aesthetic considerations in form, colour and texture to produce a unique result.



A European-styled building has given the national accounting firm of Arthur Young Ltd a new image in New Plymouth.

The \$2.5 million Arthur Young House will be officially opened on Monday by the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr David Lean.

Arthur Young is quite a new name in Taranaki, dating back to 1983, when the national chartered accounting firm Wilkinson Wilberfoss took the name of its international associate.

But the firm's roots are solidly entrenched in Taranaki, as Arthur Young's New Plymouth office was formed from an amalgamation of three long established local firms.

Now Arthur Young has become the first major accounting firm to give its name to a building in New Plymouth.

The Arthur Young House project is a development by the New Plymouth-based company General

Properties Corporation Ltd. Principal consultants are Holmes Wood Poole and Johnstone Ltd. The building was designed by architects Boon Goldsmith and Co and built by the well-known Taranaki construction firm Jones and Sandford Ltd.

With its unusual roof lines, it breaks away from the traditional office block architecture.

"It doesn't have the stamp of a stereotyped commercial building," says Arthur Young partner Derek Quickfall.

The building blends in with the surrounding residential area and with landscaped office buildings nearby.

Inside, the ceiling line on the top floor follows the shape of the roof, with the exposed beams creating an air of spaciousness.

Wellington office planning consultant Jeremy Olphert has created an imaginative colour design for the new building, inside and out.

As well as giving a new profile to Arthur Young's New Plymouth practice,

the move has some very practical aspects.

The building has resolved a space crisis, as the office was bursting at the seams of its previous premises in the Taranaki Savings Bank Centre.

Arthur Young has taken the top floor and part of the second floor of the new building, which gives the firm more than twice the previous floor area.

Since July 1980, staff members including partners at Arthur Young's New Plymouth office have grown from 22 to 50. There are now seven partners in the practice.

"One of the things about a modern accountants' office is the accumulation of paper and records," says partner Mr Quickfall.

"We will have a lot more storage for client records and for office records generally."

The new building also has a more spacious reception area and client car parking space.

Arthur Young House lies between Powderham Street and Vivian Street, no more than 10 minutes

walk from New Plymouth's city centre.

Other tenants in the new building will be Shell BP Todd Oil Services on the ground floor and optometrist J. S. McKinnon on the second floor.