

Waitakere Estate



Property Services

Project

Accommodation / Residential
Multi-dwelling Units

Location

573 Scenic Drive
Waiaatarua

Client

Heritage Collection
Waitakere Estate

Value

\$3.8 Million

Period

14 Months

Consultants

Engineer / Sullivan
Hall

There are easier places to access than Waitakere Estate, sited at the end of a narrow two kilometre-long driveway deep in West Auckland's heavily forested ranges. For the Haydn and Rollett team tasked with building a new accommodation block for the upmarket hotel, the remote location made bringing in materials and precast panels trickier than your typical project. There were also design changes that caused some issues, and a fair number of days lost to rain.

Work began with the demolition of the retreat's existing squash court and gym facilities. In its place, the team constructed a three-storey wing of concrete, structural steel and a timber truss roof, comprised

of a basement gym, sauna and health spa, topped by eight deluxe suites, plus an air bridge connecting the new wing with the rest of the hotel. The exterior was clad in a mix of stone plaster and vertical shiplap timber, while the internal finishing was uniformly high-end. Each suite was fitted with a glazed balcony offering spectacular views of the surrounding ranges and distant city.

Following this multi-million dollar revamp, the venue is now for sale.