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Designer shed for Hirepool

The new Hirepool building at Barks Corner, Pyes Pa is more of a designer shed than an industrial shed. Built by Big Shed Construction, the building is an excellent mix of rugged and professional.

Resource consent was granted by the council on the grounds that the building had to look good on such a high profile site. (It was previously zoned residential.) Hirepool was totally in agreement — the company wanted a clean-lined building that would be a flagship branch for its nationwide operation.

The structure is based on a portal frame structure with a tilt wall around the rear perimeter. Steel portal frames support the main building structure and the design encompasses a mix of aluminium joinery, Titan board and horizontal fixed iron around the front and ends of the building.

The building's concrete floor was poured in two stages and all the tilt walls were poured on site. The 650m² of rear wall tilts were lifted and propped in a single day.

A stylish but functional feature is the entry canopy, which juts out to create an extensive covered area. This allows customers to load and unload regardless of weather conditions, and provides shade for the main building.



A monorail beam fitted with a dolly allows staff to unload equipment under the canopy and lift it into the workshop.

The canopy is supported by two steel posts set in concrete columns on the outer corners, plus a steel beam that extends from the main building. The steel framing of the canopy has exposed ends, which add a striking effect.

The showroom and office is lined with plaster board and has been square stopped for a clean, neat finish. The paintwork and shop fitting cabinetry is creamy white, while rimu trim around the counters add a touch of colour and class.

A mezzanine floor comes with a crane access.

An internal wash bay is connected to a two stage grease trap system, and the main roller door at the west end of the building is 4.5 metres high, for crane and large equipment access.

A special sealant was applied to the workshop floor area, and white paper and clearlite in the roof structure allows more natural light to enter the building. The entry gates are sliding and a panel-style perimeter security fence was installed to keep the premises secure.

The Hirepool building has extensive branding signage on the exterior and in such a high profile location, it had to look great. As far as 'designer sheds' go, it's a winner.

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