

Clark Street Overbridge

New Lynn



Roadster

Opened in 2011, the Clark Street extension overbridge connects Clark Street to Great North Road over the western line rail corridor, providing a bypass route around New Lynn and creating the opportunity for the recently completed 'shared space' on Totara Avenue West to re-establish itself as the pedestrian and commercial focal point of the town centre. The bridge provides a pedestrian link between Great North Road and Gardiner Reserve on opposite sides of the rail corridor and occupies a prominent site adjacent to the town centre.

The project is part of a wider infrastructural and roading upgrade of New Lynn triggered by the trenching of the New Lynn rail station and Transit Orientated Development (TOD) projects. Architectus have been the lead landscape architects

and urban designers for these New Lynn streetscapes projects for Auckland Transport (formerly Waitakere City Council) since 2007.

The 300 metre long bridge includes a rhythmic sequence of coloured steel fins that prevent access to the electrified rail lines below and provide a visual screen to adjacent residences. More importantly they transform an otherwise utilitarian and familiar roading structure into an energising urban intervention and civic landmark.

Three Resene reds – Resene Roadster, Resene Monza and Resene Livewire - were selected as reference to the sites historical association with clay brick production, Waitakere Ranges sunsets and to celebrate movement... with a cheeky nod

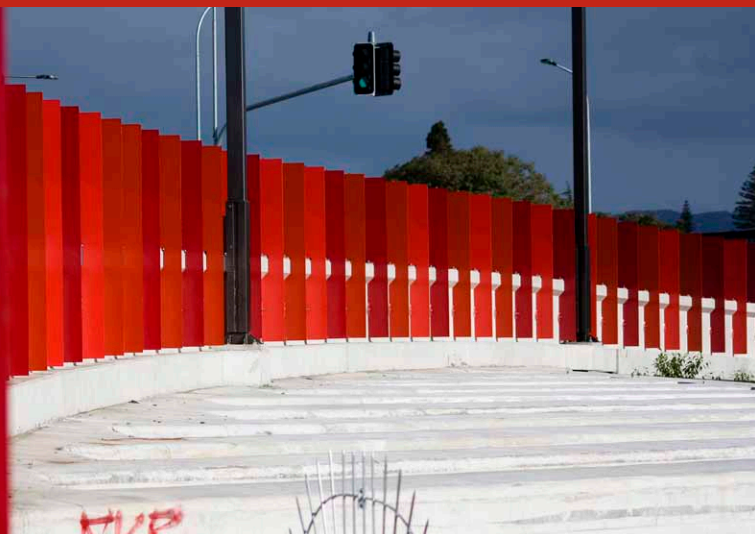
to the western suburb's love of speed and fast cars. A durable Resene Engineered Coating System of Resene Armourcote 220 and Resene Uracryl 403 will help to ensure the colours withstand the harsh environment.

The choice of three complementary reds provides visual complexity and a subtle rhythm, which enables the bridge to be experienced at both the urban and personal scales.

The coloured fins provide a bold contrast with the neutral concrete palette of the main bridge structure and the rich and vibrant greens of the adjacent existing and associated landscaping. Plant species were selected to provide a 'green on green' palette with texture and forms that complement the bridge design.

Resene Total Colour Master Nightingale Award





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 Resene Bonfire

Resene Total Colour Commercial Exterior Award

