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## The Zoo Hub

### Wellington Zoo

Firmly etched in local memory; from 1927 to 1983 the Taj Mahal inspired Elephant House was the hillside residence of the famous elephants at Wellington Zoo. The new Zoo Hub features that iconic dome topped facade, together with new metal and rammed earth walls and a translucent canopy roof to house a tuckshop with dining courtyard, catering kitchen, accessible toilets and the Scaly Nursery reptile exhibit. A dramatic new pavilion for events or a casual break fronts the proposed sculptural children's playground and completes the Hub; ready to form new memories in the minds of young Wellingtonians and tourists alike.

The Zoo Hub combines unique materials,

forms and colours to complement the existing Elephant House facade and other buildings and features at the Zoo, while also providing a dramatic statement for this new facility.

The rammed earth walls of the Scaly Nursery were inspired by the lizard inhabitants and their natural habitats. Painted canopy beams, walls and doors in the Hub echo the earth and grassland colours and give visual interest to the economic timber structure. The earth and grassland colours used are Resene Karma, Resene Gimblet, Resene Wazzup, Resene Fuel Yellow and Resene Bittersweet.

Whitewashed Indian blues inspired the colour choice for the Elephant House

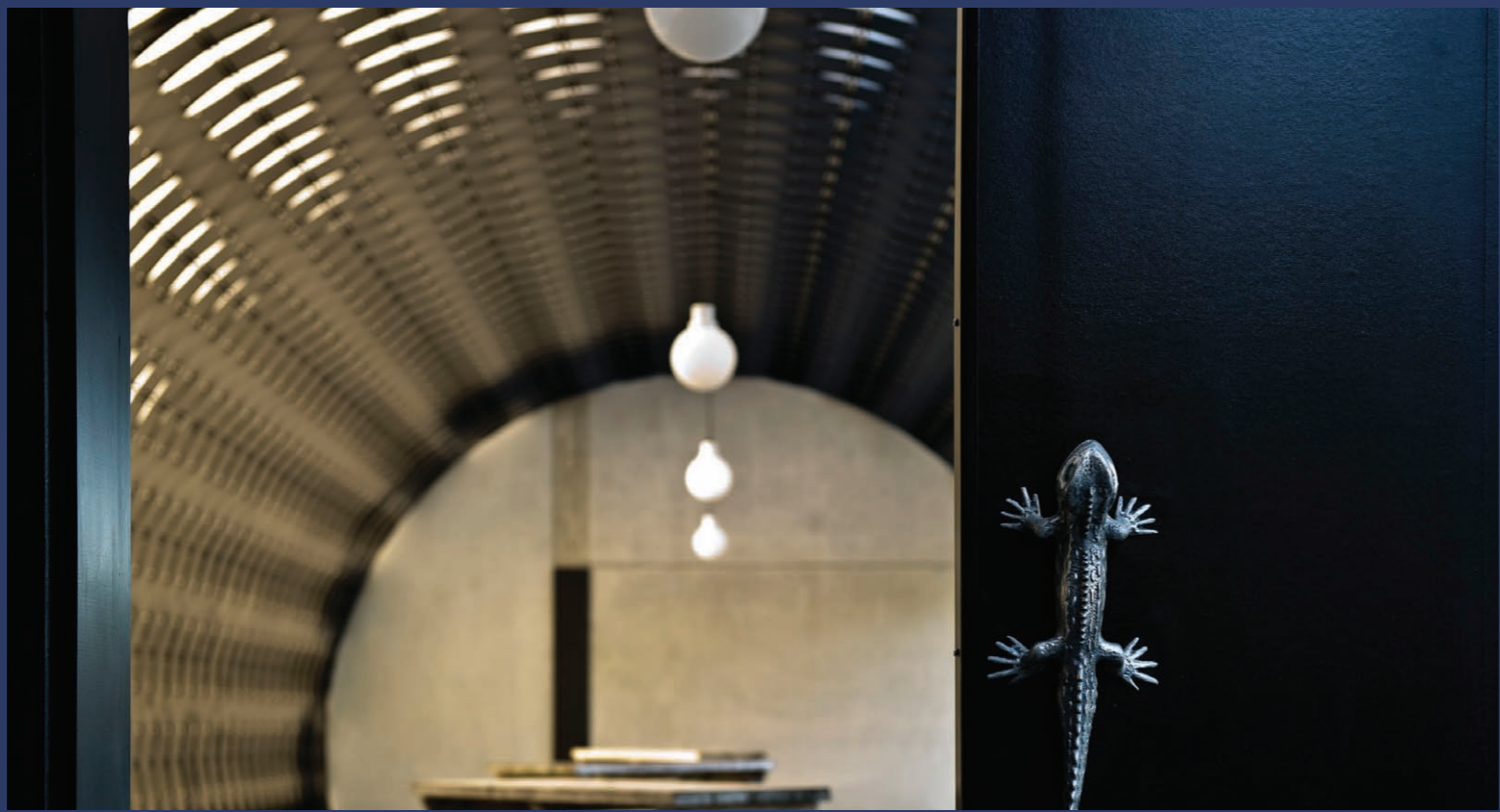
facade, with Resene Metallic Gold to the domes tying in visually with the other golden yellows and mustards, and the Mojo branding. After a month of on site tests viewed at different times of the day, the selected blue was Resene Botticelli, with Resene Gothic for the window frames and trims.

The innovative aluminium structure of the pavilion is dramatised with the use of a high gloss black paint finish in contrast with the white plastic wrapped roof. The use of black provides continuity throughout the project on most of the metal surfaces.



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**Contractor:** Naylor Love Ltd  
**Colour Selection:** Louise Wright, Assembly Architects Ltd  
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Products Used: Resene Enamacryl, Resene Enamacryl Metallic, Resene Lumbersider, Resene Lustacryl  
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