



## Department of Conservation

Corner River and Lones Roads,  
Rangiora



Andrea Robertson Design was commissioned to design the interior and exterior colour scheme for the new Department of Conservation building in River Road, Rangiora. The staff required a restful environment in which to work with the interior colours soft and peaceful. The exterior colours and materials were to reflect the Department of Conservation colours, have some resemblance to a high country hut and the building was required to blend into its new surroundings. The products specified were to be environmentally friendly where possible.

The inspiration for this project came naturally from the North Canterbury landscape of flax, tussocks, forest, moss and rocky hillsides. The exterior of the building uses COLORSTEEL® Karaka and is clad in board and batten and rendered with Resene Waterborne Woodsman in Resene Cedar. The shower area has been clad with an accent of COLORSTEEL® Zincalume depicting the high country hut. Natural timbers and stone filled Gabion baskets further accentuate the natural exterior.

The reception area displays natural stone walls housed within additional Gabion baskets set alongside the glass counter top and plywood work station. The colours used throughout are all soft earthy hues, incorporating Resene Lemon Grass, Resene Sandstone, Resene Double Akaroa and Resene Craigieburn, all creating a calm restful environment for both staff and visitors alike.

All exterior and interior paint products used were Environmental Choice approved Resene products adding to the sustainability of the building. The additional interior materials used were natural where possible, either in appearance and/or construction meeting the Department of Conservation requirements.

This building is now a welcome addition to the local area, it fits within the Department of Conservation culture and definitely sits unobtrusively into its new surroundings. This successful project has definitely met the requirements of the brief.

Half  
Craigieburn

Akaroa

Quarter  
Villa White

Cedar

Quarter  
Akaroa

Sandstone

Double  
Akaroa

Lemon  
Grass

**Architectural Specifier:** M McMillan  
**Building Contractor:** Leighs Construction  
**Colour Selection:** Andrea Robertson Design  
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**Interior Designer:** Andrea Robertson Design  
**Painting Contractor:** Spencer Painters  
**Project Management:** Arrow International  
**Photographer:** Hannah Baxter Photography

**Colours Used:** Resene Akaroa, Resene Cedar, Resene Double Akaroa, Resene Half Craigieburn, Resene Lemon Grass, Resene Quarter Akaroa, Resene Quarter Villa White, Resene Sandstone  
**Products Used:** Resene Zylone Sheen, Resene Waterborne Woodsman, Resene Zylone 20

