

Client Testimonials

We specialise in crafting bespoke homes to the highest standard and exceeding our customers' expectations. Within is a selection of projects endorsed by some of the many clients we have been fortunate to work with.

Where it all began

George Gregg took up an apprenticeship with Frank Partridge a builder. When Frank Partridge gave up building (through a bad back) George had done 3.1/2 years of his apprenticeship which he then finished with Rolly Smith. His wages when he started work were 7 shillings and six pence per week. It went up to 12/6 in the second year. In 1934 he joined Stan Clark and was building houses, managing the jobs.





He was 21 when his father died so he had to help support the family.

He was then manpowered to Luney and sent to Wellington to build the top floor on Parliament Buildings. He ran the job being in charge of 100 men for 9 months. He never got home during this period. From there he went to Waterfield near Blenheim still working for Luney. He work on camp F, being one of seven camps, for about 5 months. From there it was back to Christchurch, still with Charley Luney, working on the B railway good sheds.

He biked to work. In 1945 (approx.) he started out in partnership with Tom Overington, calling the firm "Gregg and Overington". In 1950 the partnership finished and he went out on his own. Sometime later (early 70's) he took Bruce into a partnership. George always spent some time at night in the workshop preparing for the next day. Bruce took over the business in 1975 (approximately) and George retired.





McCaw

Choosing Gregg Architectural Builders to build our home was one of the best decisions we made. With their reputation for quality, and Blair Watson leading the project, we felt confident from the very beginning.

Having someone we trusted gave us real peace of mind, especially since we weren't living in the area during the process. From the moment Gregg Architectural Builders began working on the build, their knowledge and guidance was practical, thoughtful, and considered.

We set the team a challenging timeframe (under 12 months) and this required everything to be planned with precision. The team were outstanding at foreseeing potential hold-ups, solving problems along the way, and keeping

everything on track. Thanks to the hard work and long hours put in on site, we were kept regularly updated and impressed when the house was completed exactly on the date first promised.

When we moved in, everything was functioning correctly. The attention to detail and care in the finishing stood out, and even with some challenging elements in the design, the team's problem-solving ensured an exceptional result.

We also appreciated the transparency around the budget. Gregg Architectural Builders delivered within the original quote; even when we made changes during the build, everything was clearly costed and explained before going ahead.

We are extremely happy with our home. The entire Gregg Architectural Builders team made the process seamless and enjoyable. We couldn't recommend them highly enough to anyone considering building a new home.

Richie & Gemma McCaw



Casa Moderno

Our large contemporary home was a 2 ½ year build with high tech designer detailing that had to be tailor made to exact specifications. In addition to the build time we spent a year in the design phase with Jonathan Kennedy from Sheppard and Rout Architects. We knew with such a large high tech, fully architectural house the right builder choice was paramount. As ex-builders ourselves, we had a passion for construction and design detail. We met Colin Gregg through an introduction from our Quantity Surveyor and were pleased to select Gregg Architectural Builders to build our house as they had a good reputation as being one of Christchurch's finest builders.

We were impressed early on (as I was on site most days) with Blair Watson, Gregg's leading Foreman and Project Manager, with his professionalism and focus and 'can do' attitude and knowledge and ability. Also appreciated was the 'extra mile' effort Blair contributed, and on many occasions, this was after hours to discuss options and constantly seek a level of exacting quality and if necessary 'have it done again' to achieve the ultimate result.

The house was a challenging build and liaison between client, subcontractors and our Architect were second to none. Craftsmanship, quality, first class service and always the right decision and solution solving was excellent. Superb management of fortnightly site meetings that involved subs, consultants, designers, engineers etc. and clients, were always well planned and executed.

Our dream house was constructed over 2 ½ years, with every detail needing to be perfect from the early set out and construction, in order to successfully deliver on our vision and the architect's design and accommodate our many client changes.

There was always a proactive manner with staff and subcontractors, ensuring the results were always first class. The relationship Gregg Architectural Builders have with staff and subcontractors shows a lot of respect they have for the quality build work produced and the construction industry they are leaders in. We have developed a tremendous respect for the many skills that it takes to build a large, very

modern, designer detailed house like ours, to a very high standard. We enjoyed the experience, and the journey where month after month we travelled through the processes that created the stages through to the finished masterpiece! We are thrilled with the finished result and just love the house. A real credit to Blair and Colin and the Gregg Architectural Builders team.

Gregg Architectural Builders have a serious 'after sales' maintenance plan and any minor issue was immediately addressed by their tradesmen or one of their experienced professional subcontractors. We would thoroughly recommend Gregg Architectural Builders to anyone contemplating a high end architectural, challenging build, if they wish to achieve an excellent result, on time and on budget.

Lance & Sue Bunting



Helmores (3)

Having worked with Gregg Architectural Builders on previous projects, there was no doubt who we were going to choose to build our own house.

Our Site Manager for the house, Blair Watson proved once again to be the very best in the business. Blair worked tirelessly with his team to deliver the house on time and to a level of quality that has now seen the house become multi-award winning amongst the most-scrutinous

builders and architects - his attention to detail and dedication to achieving the very best results is unparalleled. We thoroughly enjoyed working with Colin, Katey, Blair and their team – they made the process easy and the finished results are outstanding. The architectural detailing for the house required finesse and precision and the team at Gregg Architectural Builders executed it to perfection.

We look forward to working again with Gregg Architectural Builders on our future projects - Gregg Architectural Builders are a class act in every respect.

Jonathan Kennedy, Sheppard & Rout Architects Ltd

French Farm

Phone reference available on request





Winchester

Before we even signed a contract with Gregg Architectural Builders, the service and professionalism and information given to us was exceptional. Gregg Architectural Builders made the process so easy, we knew exactly what was going on all the time, and we were welcomed to site at any time that we wanted to drop by.

Our team of builders led by Simon Carmont were fabulous and nothing was EVER a problem,

and we became friends, not just clients. We built during Covid and had a delay of 4 months before we received our Gib board which was completely out of Gregg Architectural Builders control. Blair Watson was outstanding with his comms during this time and project managed the frustrating time delays so well that we were able to move into our beautiful new home only 4 weeks behind schedule with EVERYTHING completed.

If you are looking to build and want a seamless, stress free process and work with a team of great people, then Gregg Architectural Builders are it. Our house is ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS, and we can't thank them enough.

Jo Allan



Rio Vista

The decision to build a new house is a major one, right from finding a suitable site, to an architect with a style you like, to a builder who is prepared to build the house the way you want it.

We were fortunate in deciding early to use Gregg Architectural Builders and to involve them in all the decisions from the very start. This resulted in a smooth planning process, and we were impressed that right from the beginning Colin and Project Manager Blair were happy to attend

lots of meetings with us involving Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Site inspections etc. As an out of town build, this involved quite a lot of traveling but they were always happy to oblige which we really appreciated.

Once the build was underway, this service continued right through to the building team who were always happy to answer our queries and made some very worthwhile suggestions which was great as this was our first foray into

building a house. Our new home was finished on time and to budget which was a real credit to the Gregg Architectural Builders team; they were a pleasure to work with.

Thank you, guys, we love our new home with plenty of sunshine and a magnificent view.

Jacqui & Richard Watson



Mt Pleasant

We knew we wanted to work with Gregg Architectural Builders early on. We spoke to previous clients of theirs, who all had great experiences and even walked through some of their homes.

We had a great rapport with Craig, the Project Manager when we initially met. He was very genuine and interested in turning our vision into a reality. Nothing was too much trouble for the build team. We wanted a great outdoor area for the kids who love playing outside and a swimming pool sheltered from the easterly with views

of the Kaikōuras and Southern Alps. We love the flow of the outdoor area and entertaining space outside. We invite friends up often for a swim. And the cinema room and living rooms open right up into the outdoor living room where we like to entertain and cook pizzas.

Simon, Homeowner



Garden (3)

Karen & I have used the services of Colin Gregg and his team from Gregg Architectural Builders for about 20 years. We've done award winning renovations, earthquake repairs, and in 2023 they built our new home in Merivale.

We've found Gregg Architectural Builders to be quality tradesmen with integrity. They treated us with respect and worked closely with us to achieve a fabulous result. Their professionalism made the building process stress free creating an excellent finished product we are proud to call home.

Gordon & Karen Hartley

Lincoln

We knew right from the start we wanted to work with Gregg Architectural Builders due to the quality of their workmanship and their relationship with O'Neil Architects. During the entire process the team were professional, transparent and their friendly can do attitude really shone through.

Both Blair, Tim and their team were extremely helpful throughout the entire build and their organisation and problem solving ability was very helpful and crucial to the build process. They handed the house over 3 months ahead of the schedule which was the icing on the cake.

We would have no hesitation in recommending Gregg Architectural Builders to anyone looking to build and are delighted with our new home.

Kuswandi





Gardiners

Right from the very start the Gregg Architectural Builders team have been great to deal with. Even before we had chosen them, they organised for us to visit a couple of their finished projects. It was clear to see they had a warm and trusting relationship with their clients. We loved the fact that they use an independent Quantity Surveyor to assess the monthly invoicing to be sure that we are paying according to agreed costs and is accurate for work completed.

Everything was transparent, we had fortnightly site meetings to discuss work completed and the plan for the next fortnight, including decisions we needed to make. This ensured that the project stayed within projected timelines and even with Covid interrupting, and numerous “add-ons” to the scope, we moved in around 1 week before the initial completion date. That is pretty impressive given it was a 15-month build.

The team onsite was consistent throughout the project and Tim the Site Manager was very accommodating and patient. The whole team had an eye for detail and quality control was excellent. They kept the work site very tidy and safe.

We were also appreciative of their advice for alternative products to those specified where we could potentially save costs or have a better result, always discussing this with us before any decisions were made.

There were many variations (mainly due to us changing our mind or increasing the scope of the project), and these were always discussed, priced, and approved prior to commencement of the change.

We would not hesitate to use the Gregg Architectural Builders team again and would confidently recommend them to family, friends or anyone interested in building a new architectural home.

Pip & Chris Youngman



Mendip Hills Station Homestead

We first met Colin Gregg of Gregg Architectural Builders when he and his father, Bruce, came to Mendip Hills nearly thirty years ago to rebuild our woolshed after the old one burned down in a fire. It would be true to say Bruce was not just a builder; he was a craftsman. That was the term I used when we had our opening ceremony, a good old-fashioned country party, to wet the building.

As a result, Colin was himself crafted well. He learned his trade from one who knew what it takes to lead a team of builders, who may take pride in their work, birthing projects and delivering them to their eventual owners to the satisfaction of all, with steps along the way suitably managed.

When the Kaikōura earthquakes hit Mendip in November 2016, along with countless other farms and townships, and our then

venerable homestead from the 1920s had to be demolished, it was natural that Gregg Architectural Builders would be among those tendering for the job to replace it.

We already knew Chris Wilson of Wilson & Hill Architects. And so it was also natural that we went to him to design for us a new homestead, one which would be a home, yet one that would do justice to the Station, fitting seamlessly into the environment, satisfying all the complex requirements, including integrating some of the old with the benefits of the new. Chris and Colin and all the other members of the team fulfilled the vision admirably, with skill, patience, and humour - despite unforeseen setbacks, like Covid lockdowns!

The result was not merely the one we sought; it also declares the care required to accomplish truly one's craft, from design right through to the fulfilment that may now speak for itself.

Gregg Architectural Builders may justly take pride in their art.

Bryden & Catherine Black



Wairarapa

A significant amount of planning goes into a new home. It's more than just a building process, you have a visualisation of what you want, the quality finishes you require and how the completed home will look and feel.

The selection of building company is one of the most important decisions of the building process. Gregg Architectural Builders skilled team of project managers and craftsman builders gives you the confidence from day one that they are there to impress you.

Through the interaction with the architect, Gregg Architectural Builders brings your vision to life, with their attention to detail, clear and inclusive problem solving, skilled craftsmanship and the no compromise values of quality, the Gregg Architectural Builders team delivers you a finished product you can't help but be impressed with.

Their attention to detail, budget control and early planning makes it seem they are building a home for themselves, not the client.

Their 100% completion at handover is a testament to the delivery of a fully completed home to the Gregg Architectural Builders standard. This outstanding result is a real credit to Craig and Colin and the Gregg Architectural Builders team, and we would recommend Gregg Architectural Builders to anyone looking to achieve their dream home, on-time and to budget.

Brent & Leanne Mirfin



Stronsay

Throughout my build I second guessed almost every aspect of the project – Was the colour of the cladding right? Should I have built a single story house instead? – but the one thing I never wavered on was my choice to use Gregg Architectural Builders. Their input and advice during the design stage was really insightful, both practical and conceptual in nature. During the build itself, they were incredible, going above and beyond in almost every way. One thing that really stood out was problem solving from both the build crew and project management. Turning a set of plans into a functioning building that meets all the necessary code whilst also working as a liveable and aesthetically pleasing space is a complex endeavour.

The team at Gregg Architectural Builders are experts in overcoming the inevitable issues that arise. The other thing that stood out was their commitment to their craft. The workmanship and quality of construction was exceptional. Small details are easy to overlook but they are critical to the creation of a harmonious design and no detail gets past Gregg Architectural Builders. I am stoked with how the house has turned out, it has exceeded my expectations and that is largely due to Gregg Architectural Builders. If it is not already apparent, I thoroughly recommend Gregg Architectural Builders, particularly if you are looking for a smooth, professional, collaborative, and enjoyable process that delivers high-end outcomes.

Matthew Rout



Worsleys

Gregg Architectural Builders are highly recommended.

The team at Gregg Architectural Builders has a vast experience and they are genuinely interested in making a home, rather than just building another house.

We appreciated Gregg Architectural Builders upfront and honest approach and their confidence when taking on a challenging site.

Mrs Kwon



Harakeke

Darren O'Neil of O'Neil Architecture highly recommended Gregg Architectural Builders as a building contractor for my home.

I arranged a meeting with Colin Gregg and Project Manager Blair Watson and was most impressed with their professional and friendly attitude. We discussed the home which Darren had designed and assured me they could meet costs and build time.

They were true to their word: the final build was beyond even my highest expectations. Dan Best - their Foreman through to all the employees and contractors who worked throughout the 12-month build - was a pleasure to deal with as we together discussed the project to everyone's satisfaction. Blair has followed up since the completion checking if any issues had arisen.

I am so thrilled with my beautiful, warm home, that I have absolutely no hesitation recommending Gregg Architectural Builders as an exceptional, professional, entity.

Heather

Fendalton

For our architecturally designed retirement home we chose Gregg Architectural Builders who had been highly recommended. From the day the builders moved on site to clear the section and lay the foundations the excellent communication from the Project Manager Blair Watson was outstanding. We appreciated the regular on site meetings and were impressed with the high quality of workmanship Blair's team achieved with every aspect of the construction of our new home.

When our house was completed well within the time frame that was given, we were particularly delighted that the building costs stayed within the original quote.

Thank you for a stress-free building experience.

Kevin & Gillian Shirley





Glenstrae

Right from our first meeting with Colin Gregg we felt comfortable that we would be building with a company who would strive to understand what we were trying to achieve and would be genuine in their approach to seeing that realised. The personal and approachable manner in which Colin works ensured that the build process for us was neither daunting nor problematic.

Our project was managed in a professional and efficient manner, meeting budgets and delivering each stage as promised.

Productive on-site meetings and regular contact with Craig as Project Manager, ensured it was an inclusive process so that we understood exactly what was happening along the way and where we could be further involved.

We were impressed with the quality of workmanship and dedication to achieve the best finish possible. The team worked through any difficulties with design details in a positive and proactive manner ensuring we had the result we wanted to achieve and that we were

happy with the outcome. The relationships Gregg Architectural Builders have with sub-contractors and other third parties show the respect they have for both the work they do and the industry they work within.

Building our home was an enjoyable experience and we are thrilled with the end result that Gregg Architectural Builders helped create for us.

Kirsty & Julian Brown



Hawthornden

During the building process we found the team at Gregg Architectural Builders to be excellent. Project Manager Craig and Foreman Jaeren ensured we were happy with the build progress and process at our fortnightly site meetings.

Any changes we wanted during the process we discussed and after offering their own valuable advice were implemented with ease, they were always happy to go the extra mile to keep us happy to ensure an excellent outcome. This has also extended to the after build period whereby any remedial work or additions required by us have been

organised efficiently. We found the on-site team to be friendly and professional who also kept a tidy work site.

We are very pleased with our new house – it is beautifully finished and feels just like home. We continue to use Gregg Architectural Builders for any building work we require with our business or in our current home and would highly recommend the team at Gregg Architectural Builders to anyone considering building.

Mel & Stuart Ecroyd



Bowenvale

Becky and I just wanted to send you and your team a note to let you know how happy we are with our new home. Having been in the building industry ourselves for the past 22 years as specialist Rockcote applicators we have a good knowledge of and have close ties to several outstanding builders. Selecting a builder to replace our earthquake damaged home was always going to be a difficult choice. In our opinion Gregg Architectural Builders stood out above all others we have worked for not only for their quality but for the way the whole Gregg Architectural Builders team, subbies included conduct themselves onsite.

With the huge volume of work on in our city during the construction of our new home and with most companies having their staff working multiple projects at once, it was a real concern of ours that we would only see our builder once a fortnight as we have witnessed so many others have to put up with. We were specifically impressed that once Blair, Corey and Will started on our site they turned up every day, 5 days a week for the duration of our build.

Your Foreman Blair is an absolute credit to the Gregg Architectural Builders team and the success of our project was largely down to the way both him and your Project Manager Craig really drive the progress onsite. Their free and open communication with us made decision making very easy for us. Having Blair and his team onsite every day he was able to sort any issues/queries with subbies immediately, not days later.

This I believe was the main reason why you managed to deliver our house to us 3 weeks in front of schedule.

Our build used a number of different materials and/or techniques and not once did this faze the boys onsite, any obstacles were quickly overcome. At one point Blair even saying "we haven't looked at the plan since we got the framing up" shows how adaptable they were to a very bespoke style of home and owner!

Colin & Katey, thank you for creating our dream home. Your Gregg Architectural Builders craftsmen have produced us the home that Becky and I never imagined we would ever own, one that we are immensely proud of and one that is extremely pleasant to live in... and show off to our friends and family.

Glenn & Becky Munro
Properly Plastered



Glen Oaks

We had previously lived in a house that Gregg Architectural Builders had built and were so very impressed with that house's style, quality and craftsmanship that when the time came for us to build a new house there was no doubt in our minds that we would consider any building firm other than Gregg Architectural Builders. What a great decision that was.

Our new house is now complete. The building process exceeded our expectations and was a truly enjoyable experience for us.

This firm is so very professional, has strong systems and processes and has a culture of excellence in every respect. Colin leads a great team of people who reflect his style which is friendly, approachable and inclusive.

Nothing is ever too much trouble. A project plan was presented at the beginning and a project meeting was held with us and the team every fortnight.

Alongside the building project plan was a schedule of itemised costings which was amended monthly as the job progressed. It was always a very transparent process. The build came in on budget and the 10 month project extended just a fortnight past the initial project completion date.

This was a great achievement in the challenging construction environment of post-earthquake Christchurch and testament to the strong relationships that Gregg Architectural Builders have with their subcontractors.

The quality of workmanship in our house is of the highest standard and we are so very grateful to Colin and his team for building us a house that we are extremely proud of and for making it all such a happy and positive experience.

Coral & Stuart Brander



Garden (1)

We would firstly like to thank Colin and Craig for attending the many meetings we had with our Insurance Company (NZI) and the Christchurch City Council. Also thanks to your Quantity Surveyor, Darryn Crawford who came up with a fair re-build price that was satisfactory to all parties concerned. Both Craig and Isaac were extremely helpful as the build progressed and were efficient in sorting out any problems that arose.

They made sure that all build materials and products were arranged well in advance so there were no hold-ups along the way. Isaac and his team worked tirelessly to have the build finished as per their construction programme. We had fortnightly site meetings, which keep us informed and made sure the build was finished on time.

We have no hesitation in recommending Gregg Architectural Builders and have already had two friends engage them as their builders.

They have been diligent in their follow-up with inspections and touch-ups and their "subbies" were extremely friendly and professional.

We are thrilled with our new house and the very high standard that it was built to.

Brian & Heather Guthrie

Garden (2)

Building a home can be a stressful exercise. Our relationship with Gregg Architectural Builders was positive and everything went very smoothly. Once we had chosen our architect, Colin Gregg attended every meeting throughout the design and planning stage. When building commenced we had fortnightly meetings with Project Manager, Craig Wilson, and Foreman, Jaeren Claus. Each step was professionally

managed and we were given an agenda which outlined the expectations of us and what we could expect from Gregg Architectural Builders. This was particularly helpful as we were living out of Christchurch at the time, so it made our days in town much more efficient and streamlined. The icing on the cake was that we were able to move into our new home two months earlier than scheduled.

We are proud to live in a house that was awarded Gold Reserve in Registered Master Builders House of the Year 2018. This is a worthy testament to the exceptional standard and professionalism we experienced from Gregg Architectural Builders.

Alli Stockton



Straven

A huge thank you to Gregg Architectural Builders on the completion of 140 Straven Rd.

We sincerely thank you and your wonderful team – especially Craig and Steve who were absolutely great to work with – nothing was a problem and communication was outstanding! Not just saying this with Craig being sort of related to our family – he really was outstanding.

Thank you again Colin, Katey and your marvellous team of builders.

We have a lovely house which hopefully will impress prospective buyers.

Kind regards,

Ann & Martin Evans



Circuit

We would like to formally thank you for the great experience we had working with you all in building our new home. We are both very busy in our jobs and not having the 'build stress' made a real difference. Having the confidence things were under control was important. A special mention of Steve, the man on the site. He knew the plans inside out, and any problems and any problems were sorted; options and solutions were presented. And appreciation to Craig for ensuring all went smoothly and that decisions were timely.

We would also like to mention the quality focus of those working on our home; both your team and the subcontractors. They were all very friendly, courteous and pleasant people who took pride in their work. Now the build is finished we miss the contact and interaction.

Your management systems are sound, and having regular site meetings kept us informed. Your focus on the programme also gave us confidence about the deadlines, and having the house completed ahead of schedule was appreciated. The financial management went smoothly and was a very transparent process. The finished product is outstanding and we can't fault the quality of the work.

We would certainly recommend you to others.

Regards Ken & Alison





Halton

I was looking for a good builder that would be able to come into my home and help me with costing, design, experience and outstanding knowledge with building skills. I was introduced to Colin and Katey Gregg through a mutual friend and had an instant rapport with them both, on a personal level and also with my home and business. They are both genuine minded people.

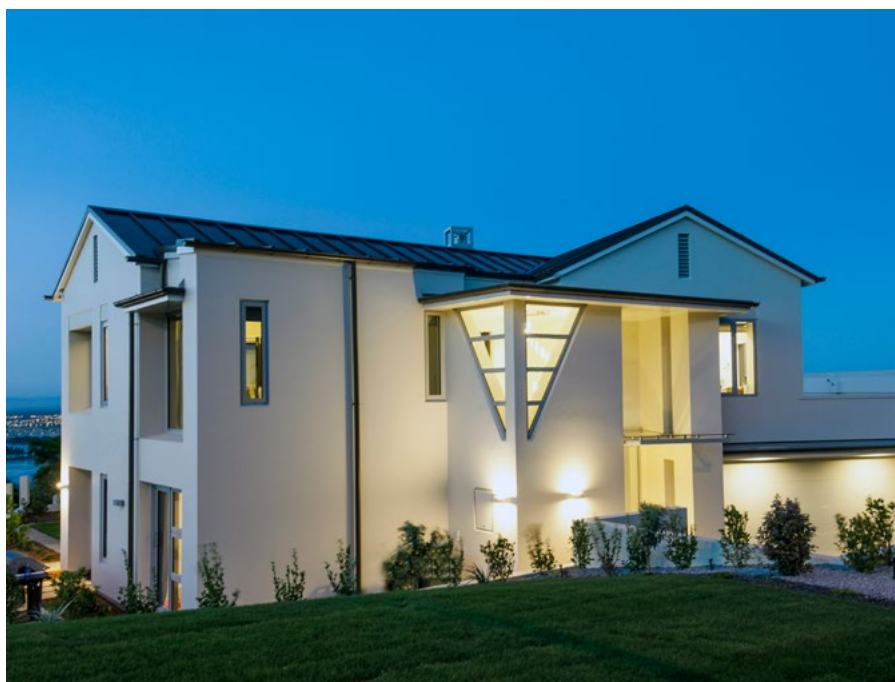
What I liked about Gregg Architectural Builders and why I chose them above all the other building companies was their ease with making

decisions and if there was something tricky I wanted to achieve, they approached with a positive attitude and could always deliver. They were happy to go the extra mile to helping me create everything I wanted.

Halton Street is the third project we have come together for and each project gets bigger than the last. With all the work we have completed, the workmanship has been at the highest standard, meticulous in all aspects from start to finish.

The experience as a whole with Gregg Architectural Builders, I could not fault them. I am very happy with everything and would highly recommend them to look after your building project. In fact I would not go anywhere else. Gregg Architectural Builders is a company you can rely on and trust.

Angelique Armstrong



Drayton

Our company has dealt with Gregg Architectural Builders for approx 10 years ranging from the complete rebuild of retirement units to urgent earthquake repairs.

When our home needed a major earthquake repair and upgrade, there was no question as to who our preferred builder would be!

We have always found Colin and his team to be considerate professional tradesman with sound business principles. The Gregg Architectural Builders team made the whole process stress free!

Gordon & Karen Hartley



Leinster

We are very happy to provide this letter recommending Colin Gregg and his fine team of builders and subcontractors who built our new house in Christchurch on plans provided by Simon Elvidge of M.A.P. Architects.

Throughout the building process we had total confidence in the quality of the workmanship and attention to detail. Each member of the team treated us with courtesy at all times and their consideration to the surrounding neighbours during the building process was commendable.

Their time frame estimated at 7 months was exact and the costings fell within our budget. We are delighted with our new home and would not hesitate to recommend Gregg Architectural Builders with confidence to anyone considering building a new home.

Murray & Sandra Greig

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