

He Waka Tapu Community Centre

He Waka Hou Trust

Sector

Community

Service

Main contractor:
New build

Timeframe

14 months
Complete 2012

Consultants

Architect: W2
Engineers: Powell Fenwick

Tight budget, tight site, strong results

Scope

Farrell Construction partnered with He Waka Hou Trust to deliver a new 1,250m² family health and community facility in Christchurch. Procured via an Early Contractor Involvement phase and subsequent lump-sum contract, the project aimed to provide accessible, holistic services for the community.

Process

The site presented multiple challenges, including unexpected ground conditions, service constraints along the boundary, and limited space. Farrell worked closely with consultants to adapt the design, revising floor systems, mechanical selections and construction sequencing to ensure budget viability. Strong engagement with the Trust and community stakeholders ensured the building's layout and finishes aligned with operational needs. Farrell's carpentry team carried out all structural and finishing trades, from precast installation and framing to fit-out.

Solution

Delivered in 14 months, the project met programme and budget expectations. The purpose-built facility now supports He Waka Hou's vision, combining healthcare, wellbeing and community services under one roof, and offering a welcoming environment designed to improve outcomes for local families.

