

Lighting up the New Bus Transit Lounge in Christchurch



Mulford Plastics Artic Ice Acrylic provided Architect Crispin Shurr with what was essential when he designed the new bus transit lounge.

He needed concept and a product that would support their image to create the feel of the quality of an airport lounge. The Artic Ice and the design provided a safe, secure, sheltered comfortable place from which to catch a bus; assisted in separating buses and pedestrian traffic; provide ample visual and audible information to minimise uncertainty and waiting time for passengers



Architect Crispin Shurr first approached Mulford Plastics looking for help on thermoplastic products that could be used as a wall for the NZ\$10million bus transit lounge that would also act as a light feature for the complex.

Due to lead time restrictions, Mulford Plastics worked closely and proficiently with Crispin Shurr to completely understand the all critical requirements for the project from design, installation and understand the end environment use to ensure we were specifying correct range of material options.

Due to our networks with engineering firms and supplier relationships Mulford Plastics was able to deliver a solution to the customer by having the material manufactured in a very short lead time and have material delivered to New Zealand in pre-made acrylic panels. These panels were routed to shape to ensure the end product had an even contour through out the 74 sheets and also had an anti graffiti coating applied to the bottom half of the Artic Ice Acrylic. To assist with some installation issues our Mulford Engineering business also assisted the project by manufacturing some specific nylon spacers.

The Artic ice by Mulford Plastics and design by Crispin Shurr saw that the multiple objectives of the transit lounge had been achieved. The Bus Exchange has proved very popular and provides a comfortable transition and waiting space which has seen bus patronage increase substantially since it opened.

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