



Towering achievement....

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Christchurch-based lighting designer Kevin Cawley has been recognised at the New Zealand Lighting Design Awards for his work on the new control tower at Christchurch Airport.

The IES (Illuminating Engineering Society) Award was picked up by Philips Lighting for the Airways Corporation project.

Cawley designed the job when he was contracted by Airways Corporation.

After analysing the requirements of the project, he used Philips light fittings. Philips Lighting was so impressed with the result that they entered Cawley into the awards.

"The tower was a beautiful structure to light, but challenging because of its shape," says Cawley.

The job took 18 months to complete. This involved mixing different colours to get the perfect pastel effects.

There were also many hours of testing.

"I gathered a huge amount of fittings and went back night after night to test them until I got it just right."

Cawley, a multi-awarding winning lighting designer, uses his skills in a number of industries. These include commercial, retail, theatrical and residential lighting.

"Lighting is all about creating an ambience that fits with the client. My only brief on the tower was to make it subtle."