



## Welcome

It's been an exciting first quarter of 2006 for us here at Amstar, with a new face on the team and the commencement of our first job out of Auckland – the Queensgate project for Village Sky City. We're also taking new steps down the IT road – not a field with which we've been particularly familiar until now!

We're happy to introduce UK import Barry Jacobs, who has joined the site management team on our Smith & Caughey refurb. He joins Amstar Construction, and brings with him a strong background in that industry sector.

In other news, the shared website we've been developing for the past few months is on the brink of going live. This will contain information on all our current projects, with clients and consultants able to log on under their own password to check progress and address any issues from the comfort of their own offices. We'll let you know when its debugged and ready to roll!

Keith Brockbank and Steve Lobb  
Directors

## New home for GHD

Architectural firm – and one of our regular consultant partners – GHD is on the move. It is relocating from its existing premises in Auckland CBD's Bledisloe Building to new quarters on level 16 of the ASB Bank Centre. Amstar Interiors has been contracted to refit the entire floor prior to the company's shift.

Challenging aspects of this particular project include the installation of glass meeting



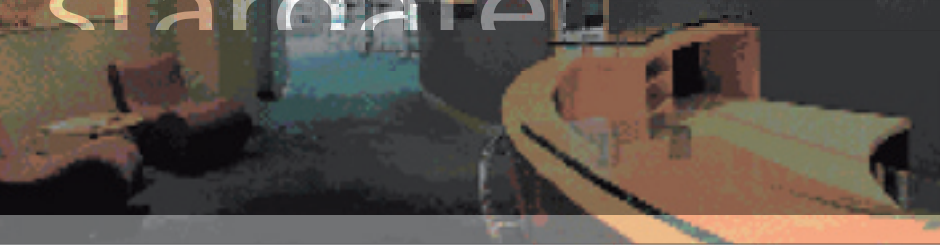
rooms and a glass reception area. We're also working to an extremely tight schedule to ensure a seamless transition between one location and the other.

## S & C steams ahead

Work is progressing on the extension to the Smith & Caughey store in Newmarket, which we are undertaking in partnership with Swan Railley Architects and Styles Project Management. The job started last October and is due for completion in July this year.

The project involves the removal of part of the adjacent premises, which used to house Supré, and a structural upgrade and expansion of the rear of the building to create the two-level extension, complete with escalators and lift. This will then be knocked through into the existing Smith & Caughey building, creating a significant increase in available retail space.

Below: New framing starts to show the shape of the Smith & Caughey extension.



## Project partnering

Our ongoing relationship with Village Sky continues strong – we started the new fitout for the cinema extensions in Westfield’s Lower Hutt Queensgate shopping centre last month.

We were contracted to fit out the theatres and ancillary areas, and to oversee the project in its progression. To that end, we have formed a joint venture with local building firm Armstrong Downes Ltd, which is filling an on-site carpentry project management role for us. Under the terms of our agreement, Armstrong Downes will be managing the programme as a whole, including all sub-trade engagements. Our site manager Colin MacGillivray will oversee the fitout of the project’s two Gold Class theatres.



## Flat out

The ACC Building in Auckland’s Graham St had a problem with leaks. The roof was too flat, allowing rainwater to enter the building envelope. The Auckland City Council called in architects GHD to remedy the problem, and they in turn contracted us to fix it.

To the end, we are in the process of installing a new metal roof to the building, mounted on timber framing to rectify the problem of insufficient roof pitch. The new, steeper roof falls to the existing channel gutters, enabling far more efficient and effective drainage.

On such a project, safety is paramount. In keeping with OSH requirements, fall-restraint harnesses have been a compulsory item of attire for all contractors working on the perimeter of the building.

