



Crafting sustainable furniture,  
built to stand the test of time with  
you and the environment in mind

# BFG Manufacturing Environmental Statement

At BFG, we have seen many evolutions and change in furniture design since we began in 1963, as a manufacturer our environmental impact is at the forefront of our minds.

BFG are committed to environmental sustainability in every aspect of our manufacturing process, it forms a core part of our business and structures the way we think, design, manufacture and deliver our furniture. As a New Zealand-owned and operated furniture manufacturer, we ensure we source sustainable local materials and are utilising local labour, ensuring a minimal carbon footprint and strong support for our community.

Our dedication to sustainability is reflected in our ISO 14001 Environmental Management System accreditation, which demonstrates our commitment to reducing environmental impact. We actively work to minimise waste by designing products that are built to last, using durable materials that can be reused, refurbished, or recycled at the end of their life cycle.

As a manufacturer we prioritise eco-friendly manufacturing processes, from energy-efficient production methods to responsible sourcing of raw materials. By maintaining a focus on reducing emissions, conserving resources, and protecting New Zealand's natural environment, we strive to create high-quality furniture solutions that are not only functional and beautiful but also environmentally responsible.

**At BFG we maintain full control over our manufacturing processes, giving you full confidence that we align with your sustainability goals.**

Our Environmental certifications show our dedication to sustainability, we are doing what we say! Here are our certifications and our commitment to New Zealand and to you!



 AFRDI Green Tick



 ISO 14001

Environment  
ISO 14001



 ISO 19001

Quality  
ISO 9001



 GreenGuard Gold Certified



 Environmental Choice NZ



 Forest Stewardship Council

Certified for a greener future, furniture built for you with sustainability in mind

At BFG, we believe that just offsetting carbon emissions isn't a long-term solution, instead we focus on managing our own environmental impact.

Here's how we make that happen:

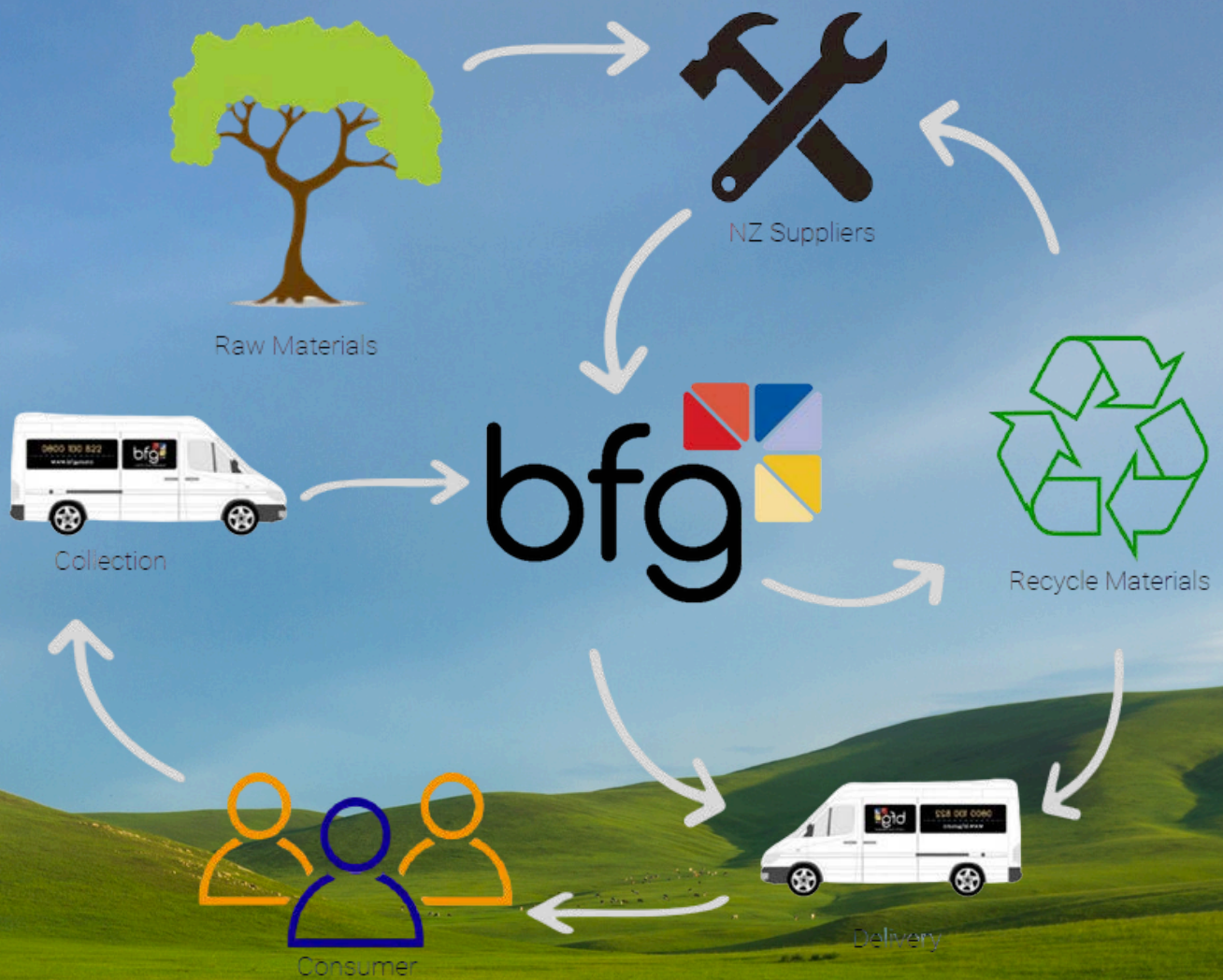
- Having a clear understanding of our carbon footprint direct and indirect emissions
- ISO 14001 provides our framework for continuous improvement in product design and manufacturing, focusing on carbon emissions, and our annual audits ensure we remain compliant and continue to focus on and reduce our Carbon Emissions
- Sourcing locally as much as possible to reduce freight emissions
- Lifecycle assessment of products evaluates our environmental impact from production to disposal
- Successful Product Stewardship program in place, we do take back the furniture at the end of its lifetime/ disassemble and recycle componentry
- Good data collection and monthly reporting to ensure we are achieving our targets.

**Our next goal is to become ISO146064-1 certified**

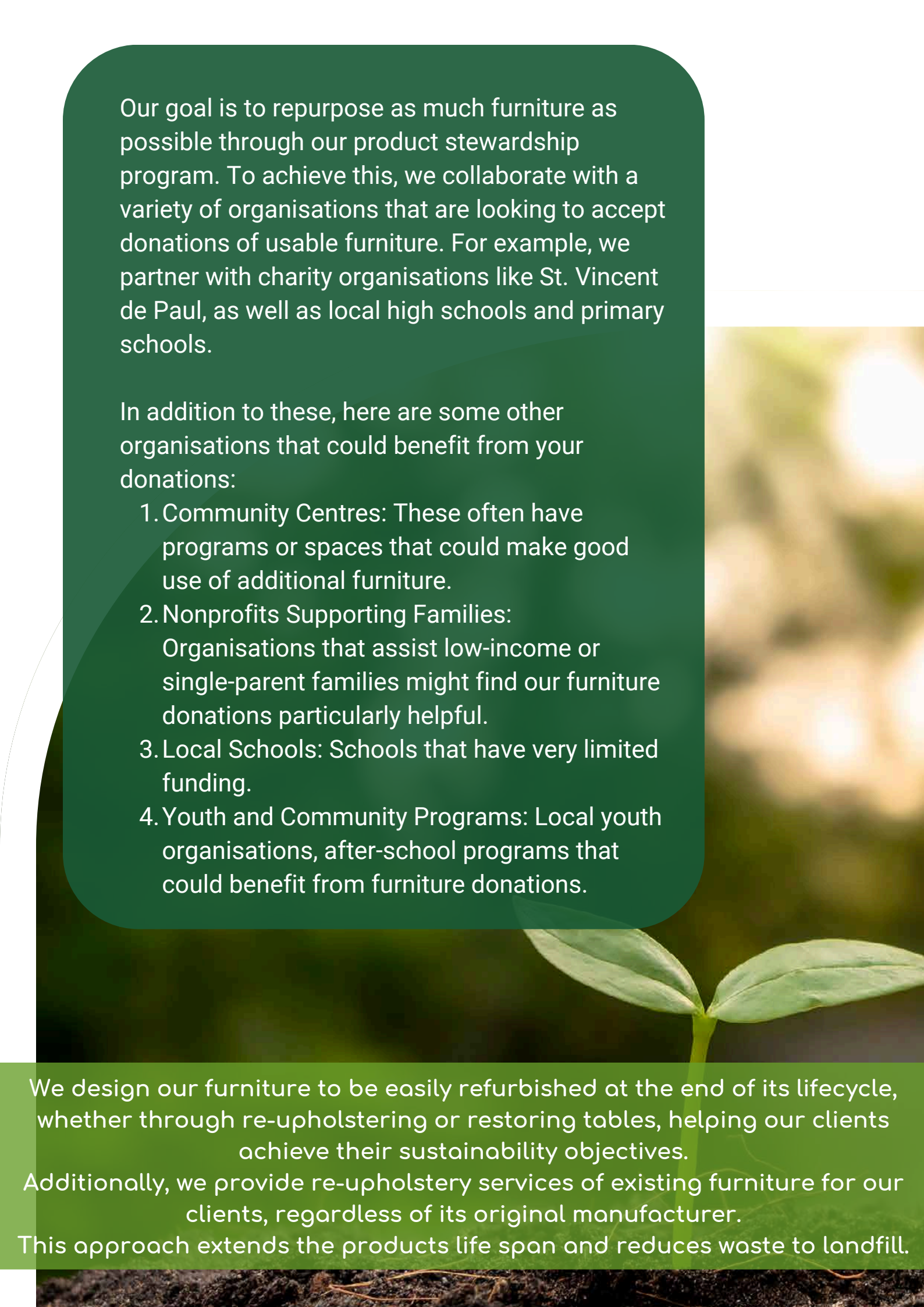
Our focus is not only on high-quality sustainable furniture solutions but also delivering positive impacts across social, environmental and economic dimensions. Our commitment extends to creating local job opportunities, minimising our environmental footprint and supporting sustainable community development, ensuring our operations benefit both our clients and the wider community. Why is Boarder outcomes important to us and you?

- Improving working conditions for our workers, increasing their skill set to ensure long term employment
- Ensuring our suppliers both local and overseas have the same commitment to foster employee growth an sustainable manufacturing processes.
- BFG is an accredited immigration employer, which allows us to hire individuals with visa restrictions and contribute to a diverse workforce
- We are proud to have a strong employment track records and history of promotion within as well as working with youth aid employment engagement programs, Apprenticeship on the job accreditation and student outreach to schools programs.





At BFG, we are committed to product stewardship by taking responsibility for the entire lifecycle of our furniture, designing all of our products with durability and sustainability at the forefront and ensure our products are manufactured with eco-friendly and renewable materials. We offer solutions to reuse or refurbish where possible and encourage recycling at the end of their life. We aim to and are physically minimising the environmental impact to our environment and support responsible management of our products from production through to disposal.



Our goal is to repurpose as much furniture as possible through our product stewardship program. To achieve this, we collaborate with a variety of organisations that are looking to accept donations of usable furniture. For example, we partner with charity organisations like St. Vincent de Paul, as well as local high schools and primary schools.

In addition to these, here are some other organisations that could benefit from your donations:

1. **Community Centres:** These often have programs or spaces that could make good use of additional furniture.
2. **Nonprofits Supporting Families:** Organisations that assist low-income or single-parent families might find our furniture donations particularly helpful.
3. **Local Schools:** Schools that have very limited funding.
4. **Youth and Community Programs:** Local youth organisations, after-school programs that could benefit from furniture donations.

We design our furniture to be easily refurbished at the end of its lifecycle, whether through re-upholstering or restoring tables, helping our clients achieve their sustainability objectives.

Additionally, we provide re-upholstery services of existing furniture for our clients, regardless of its original manufacturer.

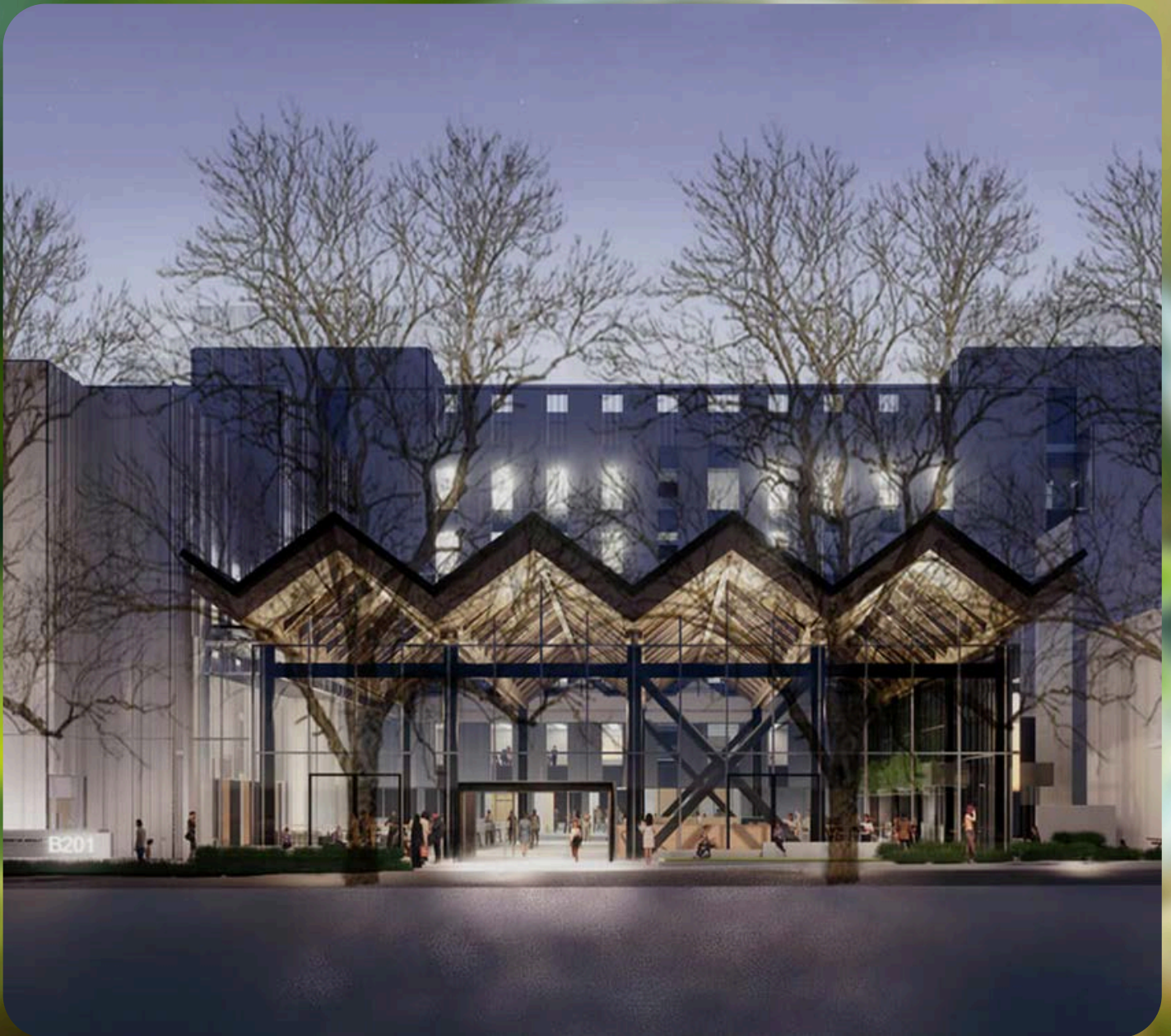
This approach extends the products life span and reduces waste to landfill.

## Furniture that is crafted for future adaptability

We have worked with a number of our clients to implement product stewardship practices, creating solutions that emphasise sustainability, durability, and responsible end-of-life management for their furniture.

We don't just talk the talk; we walk the walk by actively implementing and demonstrating our commitment to sustainability and product stewardship. We stand by our promises to both New Zealand and our clients.

Here's how we show that commitment through a selection of case studies:



### University of Auckland - B201

- 50 year old building refurbished home to School of sciences in Faculty of Arts
- Six Green Stars for design, achieving 93 out of 100 points, low carbon designed building
- 42.78 Tonne of BFG furniture removed from existing building, 67.6% donated to the community.
- BFG was successful to supply 453 desks, task chairs, mobiles and atrium furniture with a focus on NZ made and sustainable raw materials

## New Zealand Government Agency

BFG has partnered with this client for over 10 years. During that time, as the client adopted a work-from-home and Activity-Based Working (ABW) model across their nationwide offices, the need for under-desk mobile drawer units was eliminated. In response, BFG re-purposed over 100 metal mobile drawer units, donating them to local schools and community groups, ensuring they continued to serve a purpose within the community.

This version highlights the long-term partnership, the shift in work styles, and the positive impact of re-purposing.

## Universities

We have re-upholstered countless atrium and banquet seating pieces for universities, breathing new life into well-used furniture while maintaining their functionality and aesthetic appeal. This not only extends the lifespan of these pieces but also aligns with our clients' sustainability goals by reducing the need for new materials. Our re-upholstery services ensure that the seating continues to meet the high standards of comfort and durability required in busy educational environments.

## CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

“We are so ever grateful of the furniture you have donated to us thus far.”  
“Thank you to the team at BFG for helping us achieve our sustainability goals and initiatives.”

