Lucerne Road wins prestigious award

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It has a garage that would make Bruce Wayne envious.

Renovation work carried out to Lucerne Road, a historic house in Auckland's Remuera, has won a 2016 National ADNZ, Resene Architectural Design Award.

Lucerne Road was built in 1923 and is viewed by many as playing an integral part in the culture and character of the area.

Allan McIntosh of Buildology received the Residential Alterations and Additions Architectural Design Award for the property.

McIntosh says the renovations discretely accelerated Lucerne into the 21st century with the addition of a four-car garage.

"The existing streetscape consisted of a historic marble retaining wall with a single car garage which were to remain untouched.

"Clever design allowed us to transform the existing single car garage into the entry.

"The new garage would be neatly tucked away out of sight, with the streetscape and front façade of the house remaining untouched," McIntosh says.

Judges remarked on the trouble McIntosh had taken to ensure the house maintained its character, including "a dramatic stair proceeding from the bunker to enable the owner to enter this early 20th century house in a 21st century fashion".

ADNZ chief executive Astrid Andersen says the winning design was a delightful response to working with heritage.

"This design really has a talking point and is an outstanding example of successfully defying the seemingly impossible."

In addition to Allan McIntosh's award, nine national design awards were awarded throughout New Zealand to seven designers.

This year's SUPREME ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Award went to Tanatana Marae at Waimana designed by Aladina Harunani of Apa Architects and Project Managers.

Other winners included Tane Cox of Red Architecture who took out the compact home award for Raglan home Crow's Nest and Don Roy and Cymon Allfrey for their Bradnor Road build entered in the residential home over 300sqm award.

Held annually, the awards celebrate the most innovative, creative and aesthetic architectural designs across the country.

There were 149 entries in the 2016 awards.

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Residential Alterations and Additions Architectural Design Award winner: Lucerne Road project by Allan McIntosh of Buildology.