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Design wows national judges

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Blenheim designer Ben Solomon has been awarded the 2016 Resene Colour in Design Award at the National ADNZ | Resene Architectural Design Awards.

Ben and his wife Karen have been operating Nomolos Architectural Design and Draughting Services for the past four years.

He says the residential property located on Middle Renwick Road, near the airport, was the project that won him this award.

The property was one of his first independent projects where he worked alongside the owners to bring their chosen colours to life.

The project comprised additions of a master suite, garage, laundry, new grand entrance, swimming pool and barbecue area. The home is a reflection of personality, of beautiful surroundings and eccentric owners.

A gigantic single fixed window looks across the length of the swimming pool onto a mural painted with Resene paints by Blenheim-based painter and printmaker Craig Bluett.

"The vibrant colours used in the Morice and Fowler design were selected by the owners with each set of colours representing a different season.

"When we won the regional awards I was adamant that I didn't want the recognition, but the client said at the time that we had created the canvas for them to do the colours," Ben says.

The award was announced at an award ceremony in Auckland last Friday. Solomon was joined in the winner's circle with seven other respected national winners. The 2016 awards received 149 entries.

Judges described his design, Morice and Fowler, an alteration project, simply as "Wow!"

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

Blenheim businessman Ben Solomon of Nomolos Architectural Design and Draughting Services has won a major national design award.