



# Design skills recognised

Ohakune architectural designer Richard Milne has had one of his designs recognised in the 2016 Taranaki-Whanganui-Manawatu regional Architectural Designers NZ-Resene architectural design awards.

Mr Milne of R Design received a highly commended in the residential compact new home category for his work on a simple cottage at Rangataua with views of Mt Ruapehu.

The judges said the award celebrates maximum spatial and financial efficiency in a house that presented “an affordable platform for high-quality living”.

The owners wanted a simple cottage in the style of the previous building and specifically asked that the kitchen take advantage of the mountain views while allowing access to the deck for entertaining. They also wanted three double bedrooms and open-plan living with efficient use of space for living and entertaining.

New Plymouth designer Tony Biesiek picked up four awards, which were announced on Friday.

This year more than 149 entries were received.

Regional awards will be held across the country through until next month as a lead-up to the national awards which will be held on October 28.



**CELEBRATION:** The frontage of the Richard Milne-designed cottage at Rangataua.

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**SIMPLE LINES:** The design echoes the simplicity of the original cottage.



**SPACIOUS:** Maximum use has been made of a small floor plan.