



# Judges award Cambridge designer's work

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A Cambridge designer who brought a little bit of Central Otago to Waikato has stormed to the top of the region's architecture awards.

Lee Turner is a newcomer to the Resene Architectural Design Awards, but walked away from the regional awards dinner in Hamilton with a swag of gongs.

He won commendations for the Residential New Home between 150 and 300 square metres and Residential Alterations and Additions categories and the big prize, the Architectural Design Award for residential new home over 300sqm.

Turner's Wetlands House at Cambridge won the top award for its "bold simplistic home influenced by the architectural style found in Central Otago and reinterpreted for the Waikato".

With a competition brief to design an easy living home for a family of four, Turner's home features three pavilions and has a strong emphasis on entertaining.

Each pavilion gives the building design strength and continuity, the judges said.

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Hamilton designer Kris Wilson, of Design House Architecture, received the Resene Colour in Design Award for a contemporary family home in Hamilton called River Road.

Wilson's neutral palette is enhanced by "a clever use of repetition and texture", judges said.

"This contemporary family home provides a sense of space and place for a family moving to a compact city site after years in the country.

"Repeated use of vertical louvres provides this guarded visual connection, whilst creating a sense of light, movement and

openness."

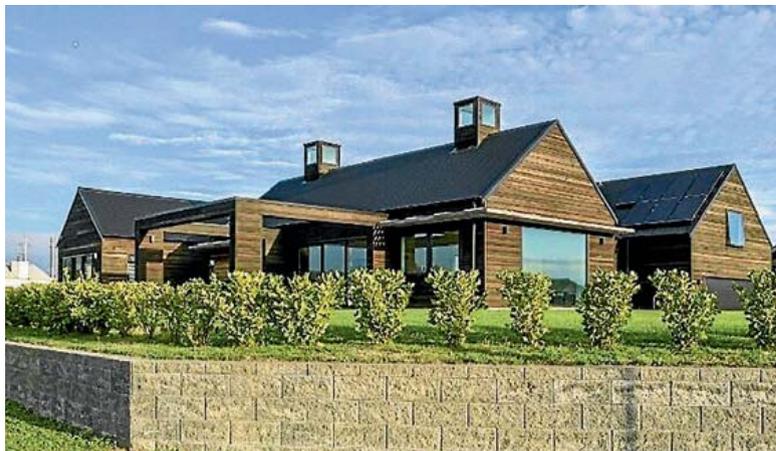
Architectural Design New Zealand (ADNZ) chief executive Astrid Andersen said Waikato members produced inspiring designs.

"ADNZ is very proud to acknowledge our designers, especially as the quality of competing designs increases every year," Andersen said.

Turner, from Turner Road Architecture, received commendations for his Baxter Michael Residence and Walker House - both in Cambridge.

The regional awards are held across the country from June to August and then the national awards as well as the supreme awards will be announced on October 27, 2017.

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Cambridge architect Lee Turner's Wetland House was inspired by Central Otago. Turner won a number of titles from the Resene Architectural Design Awards.