

Cambridge architectural designer star of regional awards night

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Cambridge architect Lee Turner's Wetland House was inspired by Central Otago.

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 Friday night 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.



Hamilton designer Kris Wilson received the Resene Colour in Design Award for "River Road".

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.



Lee Turner was commended for his design on the Baxter Michael Residence in Cambridge.

"This design offers a utilitarian farmhouse sensibility to a large house.

"External materials are rustic yet smoothly detailed, and the plan is orientated carefully to maximise sun, views and shelter."

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.



Lee Turner designed the Walker House in Cambridge and won a commendation in the Residential Alterations and Additions category.

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.

"A special mention must go to Lee Turner for winning a regional award in his first year of ADNZ membership."

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

Regional awards are held across the country from June to August and the national awards and supreme awards are announced on October 27, 2017.

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