



Mahurangi designers standout in architecture awards

Architectural designers from Mahurangi picked up more than their fair share of awards at the annual Auckland and Northland 2015 ADNZ|Resene Architectural Design Awards last month.

Presented to architectural designers in both residential and commercial sectors, the awards identify stand-out designs categorised as new homes, interiors, alterations and additions and industrial design.

This year seven regional awards were given to six winning Auckland/Northland designers. The award winners are Bernie Kose of BK Design Warkworth, Joseph Long of LTD Architectural, Peter Were of Peter

Were Architecture/Interiors, Phil Mason of Phil Mason Consultants, David Maurice of LTD Architectural and Mark McLeay of Creative Arch.

Architectural Designers NZ chief executive Astrid Andersen said that this year's recipients stood out due to their clever thinking when approaching complex design issues and the use of extreme creative flair.

"Our winning designers have proved with their thoughtful and fresh designs that anything is possible, even in the unique Auckland landscape which demands innovation and excellence."

The national awards will be announced on October 30.



Above: Omaha House by Joseph Long, of LTD Architectural

Location: Mangatawhiri Road, Omaha

Award: Residential New Home between 150m² and 300m²

Description: This home combines contemporary living with the practicality of a beach lifestyle. There is a natural flow internally, with a harmonious balance of entertaining zones and private reflective areas.

Judge's comments: A strong street presence is established by exploring the problem of a front yard garage for its design potential.



Left: Takatu Woolshed by Peter Were, of Peter Were Architecture/Interiors

Location: Takatu Road, Matakana

Award: Residential New Home over 300m²

Description: A derelict Matakana woolshed was transformed into a beautiful home with stunning views of Omaha Beach, Little Barrier Island and the Gulf. The old shed dictated the scale and geometry of this new two-wing house, while also providing the designer with salvaged materials and original woolshed fixtures for cladding and interior features.

Judge's comments: Great utilisation of an existing building that informs the use of a familiar, agricultural architectural type. The sense of familiarity is carried through into the interior spaces through utilities and appointments.



Above and top right: Kose Family House by Bernie Kose, of BK Design

Location: Bluegum Drive, Warkworth

Award: Residential Compact New Home up to 150m²

Description: A small family home with a modern design that lends itself to its surroundings, while not costing the earth. The home is energy efficient and relatively maintenance free.

Judge's comments: A three bedroom starter home which was built on a tight budget on a bush clad suburban site in greater Auckland. There is a thoughtful use of everyday materials, which is exaggerated slightly to give a sense of generosity.



Right: Hodgson Holiday Home by Mark McLeay of Creative Arch

Location: Ridge Road, Scotts Landing

Award: Resene Colour in Design Award

Description: Located on a large rural site at Scotts Landing, the house sits in a West facing steep slope overlooking stunning views across Ngaio Bay and Mahurangi Harbour. The house has been designed as upper and lower wings forming a T shape. Clad in dark stained plywood and battens with a dark roof cladding, the house sits well in the existing landscape.

Judge's comments: Brave in black – this dramatic exterior sits in beautiful contrast with the gentle, light and inviting surfaces of the interior.