



Awards for Taranaki designer's new work



One of Tony Biesiek's award-winning projects.

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A Taranaki designer has taken three of the main prizes in his profession's latest regional awards.

Tony Biesiek, of Image Building Design, received a Residential New Home between 150 and 300 square metre Architectural Design Award, and a Highly Commended for his interior design work on a home inspired by the modernist architecture of Palm Springs, USA.

The accolades were presented in the ADNZ Resene Architectural Awards.

These covered the Wellington, Wairarapa, Manawatu, Taranaki and Whanganui regions and followed on from the Auckland and Northland awards last month.

The judges described Image Building Designs' project as "a

counterpoint to the norms of suburban building fabric" and heaped praise upon it.

"Breezblocks and planting set up a subtropical oasis within which horizontal planes appear to rest on heavy Te Kuiti stone walls.

"This is a local twist to well-understood architectural territory."

In addition, Biesiek was awarded a Residential New Home over 300 square metres Architectural Design Award for a large multi-level home with a grand entrance, and was commended for his work on a complex alteration of house built in 1879.

Ben Gilpin of Gil-plans Architecture received recognition for two projects: an Otaki farm house designed for a retiring couple, and a funeral home in Waikanae.

The winning entries will go forward for national judging in late October.