



Rangataua house wins architecture award

A “simple, contemporary” Rangataua house that takes advantage of Mt Ruapehu views has received recognition for its Ohakune architect, Richard Milne.

He received a ‘highly commended’ award in the ‘Residential Compact New Home’ award for houses up to 150m² in the Taranaki-Whanganui-Manawatu regional Architectural Designers NZ-Resene architectural design awards.

The award is for “a simple cottage at Rangataua with views of Mt Ruapehu,” which was “built on a tight budget”.

The requirements from the owner were a simple cottage in the style of the previous building. The kitchen should take advantage of the views to Mt Ruapehu while allowing for easy access to the deck for entertaining.

There needed to be three double bedrooms and an open plan living space with efficient use of space for living and entertaining.

A generous timber deck opens onto the rear yard to take advantage of the

spectacular views to Mt Ruapehu.

The residence reflects the previous building on the site with its simple mono pitch roofline, states the judge’s notes.

“The layout is efficient in its flow while providing three double bedrooms within the floor area of 100m².”

The combined living area makes for an inclusive communal space.

The three bedrooms all accommodate queen beds making the home easy to accommodate guests.

The bathroom makes excellent use of the available space while allowing for separate use of the areas when the home is busy.

Generous storage results in less clutter

Double glazed windows to the north and west ensure the heat from the sun is captured to keep the home warm in the winter.

The high raking ceiling provides a sense of space that is difficult to achieve in a small area.

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



Taking in the mountain view was important for the client.



Richard Milne, at left, and Tane Gunnell – builder of the award-winning Rangataua house.