



Celebration of southern design

Southern architectural designers were recognised at the Otago and Southland 2015 ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards last night.

The awards celebrate the most innovative, creative and aesthetic architectural designs in the country and are presented to residential and commercial architectural designers.

Architectural Designers New Zealand (ADNZ) is a professional body for architectural designers and architects in New Zealand.

Gordon McMillian of the Invercargill-based company KGR Architectural Design received a Highly Commended award. A born-and-bred Southlander, McMillian has 22 years of design experience in the industry.

His Tuckers Beach residence in Queenstown was highly commended for the residential interiors award.

The judges said the play between tonal qualities, light, dark, rough, and smooth, established depth to the interior spaces.

Dunedin-based Julian O'Sullivan of Opus Architecture picked up two awards, a Commercial Interior Architectural Design award for the Dunedin Town Hall, and the Resene Colour in Design

award for the Ravensdown building in Dunedin.

The judges said his work on the town hall was an appropriate, sumptuous revitalisation to the grand rooms of Dunedin, befitting of its place in the community.

Reece Warnock of Warnock Architecture in Dunedin picked up the Residential new home award for his work on a historic blacksmith house in Outram.

Judges said the designer had risen to a difficult challenge, and the new house embraced the old smithy.

Dunedin designer Brent Alexander of The Design Studio in Dunedin received the award for Commercial/Industrial Architectural Design for the Nichol's Garden Centre in Dunedin.

Alexander transformed the run-down 1970s diesel workshop into a garden centre and cafe. Features of the repurposed workshop included steel trusses and glass top lights to give a sense of character.

The judging panel included Auckland University director of Architecture Programmes Michael Davis, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment chief architect Duncan Joiner, and ADNZ life member Graham Sawell.



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