



Award success for Rotorua architects

Rotorua's APA Architects & Project Managers' work on the Tanatana Marae has scooped the company a prestigious award.

The company has been awarded the 2016 Bay of Plenty Regional Commercial/Industrial Architectural Design Awards at the annual ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards.

The award was presented to APA Architects' Aladina Harunani.

The judges described how, in Tuhoe tradition, the deceased are not mourned in the wharenui meeting house, but in a special wharemate.

"Tanatana has struggled for

many years to carry out the service for tangi without a dedicated wharemate," the award citation said.

"The brief for Tanatana Marae called for a sleeping space for immediate family members alongside the body, and additional space for extended family members."

The award judges praised the finished work for courageously accepting the challenge presented by both the wharemate typology and marae protocols.

"A compelling architectural whole embodies the resolution of a raft of principles and processes," the judges said.