



Kapiti homes win design awards

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A Kapiti architect's own home has been recognised twice at an architecture awards ceremony in Wellington.

Ben Gilpin, of Gil-Plans Architecture, won the Resene Colour in Design Award, at the Wellington and Wairarapa Regional ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards.

The award was given for the design of his own home in Raumati South.

Gilpin said the home was designed with space for his young family to grow into.

"It provides separation for kids and adult spaces and can be an entertainer's home for both adults and children."

The home was also commended in the residential new home between 150 and 300-square-metre architectural design category.

AD Architecture's Jonathan Ambler was highly commended for a Waikanae Beach bach. Ambler had created a home for socialising, both indoors and outside.

In Lower Hutt, Arc Design's Ananth Sharma's transformation of a supermarket into a Sikh temple was commended in the commercial/industrial architectural design category.

The project involved turning Naenae's New World into a temple with a library and teaching area, prayer hall, dining and kitchen area.

The residential new home over 300-square-metre architectural design award was awarded to Michael Holmes of Holmes Architecture. The home was built for a recently retired couple, adjacent to the Martinborough Golf Club.

Architectural Designers NZ chief executive Astrid Andersen said she was delighted by the variety of projects presented.

"Each designer's understanding of the brief, of the needs of inhabitants, as well as context and setting is reflected in these very impressive designs."



The Martinborough house designed by Michael Holmes, of Holmes Architecture.



Kapiti architect Ben Gilpin described his award-winning Raumati South house as providing separation for his children as well as adult spaces.



The Sikh temple in Naenae and, below, the Waikanae bach interior.