

New homes in greater Wellington and Wairarapa wow ADNZ judges

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A farmhouse for the 21st century - Michael Holmes of Holmes Architecture won the an ADNZ Residential New Home over 300m2 Architectural Design Award for this Martinborough house designed for a retired farming couple.

A new farmhouse for a retired couple and a house for the designer's own family were two of the winners in the 2017 Wellington, Wairarapa Regional ADNZ | Resene Architectural Design Awards.

Michael Holmes of Holmes Architecture (Wellington) won the Residential New Home over 300m2 Architectural Design Award for a Martinborough house designed to accommodate a retired farming couple, their visiting grandchildren and guests.

The judges were impressed by the way a white loggia consolidated three separate volumes of the home. "As a simple ordering device, it works to both reduce the scale and increase the usability of the forms," the judges said. "The use of recycled materials furthers the strength of this building as a home."

Ben Gilpin of Gilplans Architecture received the Resene Colour in Design Award for the design of his own home in

Raumati South on the Kapiti Coast. He also received a Commended award in the Residential New Home between 150m² and 300m² Architectural Design category.



Rustic timbers reference the country landscape.

In announcing the colour award, the Resene judges said, "Dark and light neutral tones showcase the extensive use of rich timber, creating warm and inviting spaces for relaxing and entertaining."

Jonathan Ambler of AD Architecture was Highly Commended for his work on a Waikanae Beach bach, also located on the Kapiti Coast.



Architectural designer Ben Gilpin of Gilplans Architecture designed this house in Raumati South for his own family. It won the two regional awards.

And a supermarket converted into a Sikh temple was a winner in the Commercial/Industrial Architectural Design category. Ananth Sharma of Arc Design was Commended for what the judges described as a "miraculous transformation" of an old Lower Hutt supermarket into a Sikh Temple, comprising library and teaching area, prayer hall, dining and kitchen area and accommodation for the priest.



Large sliding doors open up the living area to a sheltered terrace.



An outdoor gas fireplace ensures this entertaining area can be used virtually all year round.

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