



Design recognition for Ohakune ski bach



Commended ski bach - making the most of a tight site.

An Ohakune ski bach has been commended in the Architectural Designers New Zealand (ADNZ) awards for 2017. Maurice Regeer of MnM Design received the commendation in the Residential Compact New Home – up to 150m² category sponsored by Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.

The recognition is for the Kowhai Heights pad in Ohakune, on the edge of Tongariro National Park.

The brief was to build a ‘cool pad’ to be enjoyed all year round and which made the most of the mountain outlook from the deck in the beautiful surroundings of the Central Plateau.

“A surprising amount is achieved on a tight site with a small budget,” the judges said.

“This lock-up-and-leave bach makes the most of

the morning sun and the view with a limited palette of materials.”

ADNZ CEO Astrid Andersen said each winning design showed considered and creative responses to design challenges and functionality.

“Architectural design should strive to constantly improve how we live, work, play and utilise our built environments. So much of our lives is taken up at work and it’s fantastic to see colour, creativity and connectivity celebrated boldly in work place settings.”

Regional ADNZ | Resene Architectural Design Awards will be held across the country from June through to mid-August in the lead up to the national awards. National award winners and the Supreme Award winner will be announced on Friday 27 October 2017.