



## Stunning Rangiora bungalow makeover recognised by ADNZ

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This humble Rangiora bungalow has been transformed by a complete revamp designed by Jason Higham of Higham Architecture.

There are not many before-and-after scenarios that can match this Rangiora beauty.

Jason Higham of Higham Architecture was awarded a major prize for his revamp of the bungalow at the Canterbury Westland Regional ADNZ | Resene Architectural Design Awards this weekend – he won the Residential Alterations and Additions Architectural Design Award.

A key feature of his design is the extensive use of reclaimed materials – reclaimed timber boards wrap the walls and the ceiling of the large, open-plan family living area. But the look is kept contemporary with LED strip lighting, modern cabinetry, and a long niche that forms a shelf.



BEFORE: The house was a typical '50s bungalow that did not maximise indoor-outdoor living.

In announcing the award, the judges said they admired the designer's ability to declutter. "Rather than walls, clear material composition, lighting and furniture delineate between the differing uses of the larger space created."

The formerly pokey kitchen has multiplied in size to form part of the family living area, which is perfect for entertaining. And windows come right down to the benchtop, bringing plenty of light into the space. At the end of the room, the windows have been swapped for large bifolding doors that open up the room to a deck.

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Walls have been removed to create one extra-large family living space incorporating a large kitchen. Reclaimed timbers wrap across the ceiling, down the wall and along the floor.



The new wall lining incorporates a long niche that serves as a shelf.



Large windows allow plenty of natural light to flood the room.



BEFORE: The kitchen was virtually original, with '50s-style cabinets and a noticeable lack of bench space.



The house is now far better suited to family living.

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