



Architect's own home a winner

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A Timaru architect has picked up an award for the design of his Hadlow house.

NB Architects managing director Josh Newlove won a commended award in the Residential New Home between 150 - 300 square metres category, from professional body Architectural Designers New Zealand, which gives out awards each year.

"This is the first time I've entered anything," Newlove said.

"I describe it as a modern character home; we have louvre windows and open fires.

"It's like an old villa but it's not an old villa."

Sustainability was a real feature of the design.

The house has solar panels and collects its own water, Newlove said.

"We did that consciously. Being a rural house it's good to sit well within the environment."

It was built using cedar wood, which will eventually go grey, and will age nicely, rather than remaining in pristine condition, he said.

One of the house's features was a large wall made out of recycled timber sourced from Christchurch after the Canterbury earthquakes.

"It's quite a prominent feature."

The four-bedroom house takes up 230sq m, with the garage another 70sq m, making it 300sq m in total, he said.

It has polished concrete floors and underfloor heating; "all through winter it's about 20 degrees to 25".

The louvre windows allow the family to ventilate the house, which is important, he said.

"The house has always got air moving through it, which keeps it nice and dry."

Newlove and his partner, Kate

Perry, purchased the land about five years ago, and he started work on designing the house then.

The building work was done by Dimension Building, and was completed about three years ago, Newlove said.

They live there with their three children, Leah, Ella and Oliver, though the house is currently on the market.

"We're looking at our next project, looking to do something different.

"Being a designer, I can't sit still.

"[I'm] always looking for the next thing to do."

The house has featured in a few magazines in the past, including *House and Garden*.



Josh Newlove, with children Oliver, Leah and Ella, and partner Kate Perry, in the award-winning house he designed.

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