



Canterbury 'fantastic' for innovative designers

Winning designs by architectural designers of Canterbury and Westland were celebrated in the 2015 ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards.

Presented to architectural designers in both residential and commercial sectors, the 2015 ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards recognise new homes, interiors, alterations and additions, and industrial design. On these pages we feature the residential winners.

The judging panel included Michael Davis, director of Architecture Programmes at the University of Auckland, Dr Duncan Joiner, chief architect at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and award-winning architectural designer and ADNZ life member, Graham Sawell.

Architectural Designers New Zealand CEO, Astrid Andersen, said it was fantastic to have so many deserving winners from the Canterbury/Westland region, and that it was particularly exciting to have a few new faces to the winner's circle, like up and coming designer Mitchell Coll.

"Canterbury is a fascinating region for designers to have the pleasure of working in. It is exciting, innovative, emerging, transitional and quite complex. To see young designers thriving in this region proves what a fantastic training ground Canterbury is for those looking to make their mark in this competitive industry.

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"For this reason, we are delighted to be holding our annual conference in Christchurch, including the National awards ceremony, which will be held at the extraordinary and aptly nicknamed 'Cardboard Cathedral'."

The winners of regional awards, which are currently being awarded across the country, are now eligible for national titles including the Supreme Architectural Design Award. The national awards will be announced on October 30.



Clever twist: Nic Curragh, of Objects Limited, won the Residential Compact New Home – up to 150 sq m Architectural Design Award, sponsored by Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, for Moncks Spurs Residence. The house is described as 'a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home that draws on a harmonious balance of materials and form, sympathetic to the 1920s bungalow it replaced.' Judges called it a 'very clever twist on a well understood architectural type. The material selection has provided depth to the spatial composition.'



Well-balanced and eclectic: Nic Curragh, of Objects Limited, won the Residential New Home between 150 sq m and 300 sq m Architectural Design Award for Halswell Residence. 'Encapsulating basic passive heating and cooling principles, the home is a play on the classic European farm-barn conversion. It incorporates large hardwood beams, exposed steelwork, raw concrete, subtle details, and beautifully crafted bespoke joinery to champion a rich tapestry of old and new.'

Judges noted: 'A well balanced and eclectic selection of natural materials. A range of intentions, from its occupation to its place in the landscape, is successfully brought together and a sense of time is invested in the work.'



Highly polished sense of theatre:

Craig South, of Cymon Allfrey Architects Limited, was a joint winner of the Residential New Home over 300 sq m Architectural Design Award for Snowdon Residence, in Halswell. The large family home is located at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac on the outskirts of Christchurch with both urban and rural views. A strong gable form contains the majority of the home over two levels. Separated from this by a glazed link is another smaller gable form, running perpendicular, containing the utility spaces with the second living room tucked discretely above.

Judges commented: 'A very highly polished, well resolved, use of simple forms. Spatial relationships engender a rewarding sense of theatre.'



Simple, robust forms: Robert Weir, of Weirwalker Architecture, was a joint winner of the Residential New Home over 300 sq m Architectural Design Award for Rockhill Residence, in Kennedys Bush. The design brief was to create a bold and striking contemporary home that took full advantage of the stunning northerly views. The material pallet has been kept simple with textured precast concrete façade panels providing a raw, strong and primal base element for the home. Judges commented: 'The building and the landscape seem to grow together to complement one another. A well-resolved plan utilising simple, robust forms yields high quality spaces inside and out.' The design was highly commended in the Residential Interiors category.





Super-efficient: Mitchell Coll, of Coll Architecture, won the Residential Multi-unit Dwelling Architectural Design Award for Matipo Street Apartments, in Riccarton. The client wanted to develop a block of town houses to help alleviate the student accommodation shortage in the wake of the earthquakes. The 1400 sq m site close to the University and Riccarton Mall is divided into eight townhouses with five ensuite bedrooms in each. Each townhouse has a large shared living and dining area and double sized kitchen all accessing a private northern courtyard. Sustainability and low energy use culminated in the development being New Zealand's first 8 Homestar rated multi-unit development. Judges commented: 'The project is super-efficient in terms of its planning and energy use. It seizes the opportunity in post-quake Christchurch to push a new model for student accommodation.'





Sense of space: Sue Jackson, of Jackson + Jackson Architectural Design, won the Residential Interiors Architectural Design Award for Mel's Kitchen, in Sumner. The new owners of this house on Scarborough Hill required a new family kitchen, with more storage and space for a new fridge/freezer and existing appliances. Judges commented: 'The new kitchen has become a condition against which the existing spatial qualities of the building are played up.'