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# BIG WIN FOR BEACH BACH

By Rhonda Mitchell

Barry Connor, Director of Barry Connor Design, is delighted to win the "Resene Colour In Design" category at the 2017 Architectural Designers New Zealand awards (ADNZ), for his Waikuku Beach house entry.



The house is nestled amongst an eclectic array of bach-style homes that typify the architectural language of the small coastal enclave. Barry says this modern interpretation of a classic beach house is filled with light and provides for generous entertaining on lazy summer nights.

The main living area was positioned to allow for all-day sun and oriented for natural morning light to the master bedroom. The spaces are compact, yet functional and the light-filled staircase at the heart of the design was created to allow a sense of space on a relatively modest footprint. Strong and simple forms blending with a basic palate of vertical profile steel and plywood sheet cladding reference the typical local construction.

Barry is pleased to share credit for his win with Gareth Davis Builders, Kristen Reid Design for the kitchen, and with photographer Denis Radermacher.

A man for all seasons, Barry enjoys working in any style or material, and in all environments: city, rural, coastal, hill or flat. However, his key principles of all-day sun and light-filled homes are non-negotiable, and are the first consideration on visiting a site.

Barry says an interesting location gets him absorbed in solving any problems with design. He aims for "thought-provoking designs, intriguing architecture that is never run of the mill". Samples of his work can be viewed at [www.barryconnordesign.co.nz](http://www.barryconnordesign.co.nz)