



# Designer wins national award

Cambridge-based architectural designer, Aaron Guerin, received a National Design Award at the ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards on October 30.

The prestigious award was presented at a gala dinner held at Christchurch's transitional cardboard cathedral as part of the architectural designers' professional body's annual conference.

The awards celebrate the very best architectural designs New Zealand has to offer across both residential and commercial sectors.

Aaron Guerin of LAD Architecture took out the Residential Alterations and Additions Architectural Design Award for his work on the Gardner Home – transforming a small rundown historical Cambridge villa into a luxurious example of modern liv-

ing while staying true to site and character.

ADNZ chief executive Astrid Andersen said Guerin had

remedied a number of obstacles when it came to redesigning and altering the historical villa.

“Guerin’s tasteful and sympathetic treatment has turned a cold, draughty villa into an elegant period example – a delightful heirloom home.

“The transformation is striking – this is clearly a standout design and he wholeheartedly

deserves this award,” Andersen said.

The judging panel was impressed that Guerin had maintained the integrity and consistency of the existing building, while greatly enhancing it as a home.

They also noted the alterations had reinvigorated the villa’s relationship to the site.

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**Cambridge's Aaron Guerin (right) won a national award for his work restoring this historical villa.** PHOTO: SUPPLIED