



1970s home converted to a stunner

A Coromandel home has been awarded a prestigious national architecture award at the 2014 Architectural Designers New Zealand (ADNZ)/ Resene Architectural Design Awards.

Norton House on Mannion Rd, Coromandel Town was awarded the Residential Alterations and Additions Architectural Award at a gala awards ceremony in the Bay of Islands last month.

Designed by Kris Wilson of Design House Architecture Ltd it is a stunning conversion of a

simple coastal home into a bold and elegant design.

The cliff-top coastal property was acquired by a semi-retired farming couple for its commanding views of the Hauraki Gulf and Coromandel Harbour.

The clients had always dreamt of building new. However, the orientation, elevation and structure of the existing 1970s bach formed too good a starting point to resist.

Wilson was brought on board to transform the home into a simplistic contemporary home to

suit a laid back coastal lifestyle and a love of entertaining.

Externally, the home had to integrate into the native bush backdrop, while internally a balance was required between taking full advantage of the sea views and leaving clear space for a collection of art work.

ADNZ general manager Astrid Andersen said the home was a testament to the hidden beauty

that can be found in original homes and that with the right designer an old home can be transformed into something extraordinary.

“Kris Wilson is a talented designer who specialises in producing masterful homes that embrace coastal living and Norton House is no exception.

“Perfect for entertaining and just enjoying seaside living, this home automatically makes you relax into the environment while also embracing architectural prowess,” said Andersen.

The awards judges agreed saying that “the existing house has been absorbed into a clear disciplined plan with crisp detailing. Colours and materials create a collection of calm spaces.”



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SEASIDE LIVING: The house was praised by ADNZ judges for being perfect for entertaining and just enjoying seaside living.



FANTASTIC VIEW: The cliff-top coastal property of Norton House is in a glorious setting.