



# Rebuild homes draw praise from judges

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A new home for a red-zoned family and an earthquake rebuild are among four Canterbury buildings to have won national architectural recognition.

During last night's National Architectural Design Awards, the Cust family home, two Christchurch houses and a Lyttelton restaurant all won awards.

Architectural Designers New Zealand chief executive Astrid Andersen called the winning Canterbury designs a demonstration of architectural excellence.

A "diverse set of briefs from clients who wanted to push the envelope" had led to inspiring work by the designers, Anderson said.

The supreme winner was the new Tanatana marae at Waimana in the Bay of Plenty.

Two of the Canterbury winners were designed by the same architectural designer, Nic Curragh, of Objects Ltd.

One was the Cust house, designed to replace a family's red-zoned house and named New Zealand's best in the 150sq m to 300sq m category.

Judges said the design used a simple layout of two parallel pavilions joined by a low-pitched annex. A glazed courtyard between the two pavilions had views of the Southern Alps.

The design details contributed to "a calm resolve and wonderful sense of life", they said.

Curragh's other winning design was Freeman's restaurant in Lyttelton, winner of the commercial interior award. The judges praised its materials, details, use of space and selection of fittings and fixtures.

"Ordinary materials of a consistently high quality are detailed in such a way as to make them special," they said.

Both the Christchurch houses to receive national awards are in the city's north-west suburbs.

A house on Bradnor Rd in Fendalton, by the Wairarapa Stream, designed to replace a home lost in the earthquakes, was named best home over 300sqm.

Designed by Don Roy and Cymon Allfrey, of Cymon Allfrey Architects, the L-shaped house sits round a courtyard and is divided by a central corridor with stream views.

The judges called the design an elegant project.

"Set between river and road, the building and landscape intentions are held in a sensitive balance," they said.

The designer of Canterbury's fourth winner was from the same firm. Craig South, of Cymon Allfrey Architects, won the award for multi-unit housing with a two-home complex in Gleneagles Tce,

Ilam.

Judges commented that the design's two parts created a compositional whole.

"A unifying architectural vocabulary of common elements and details articulate an exemplar of high-end urban infill housing."

The awards, announced in Auckland, were contested by about 150 regional winners from around New Zealand.



**This Cust house won the Architectural Design Award for new homes from 150sq m to 300sq m.**