



## Accolades for creativity and skill

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111 Riccarton Road shops Jason Walker Weir Walker category winner.

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Radical, bold, elegant, sophisticated, vivid, creative.

These were the among the compliments lavished on new Canterbury buildings at an awards ceremony in Christchurch last night.

The annual event was the regional stage of the national Architecture Design Awards run by Architectural Designers New Zealand and Resene. Organisers said they were impressed by the "creativity and provocativeness" shown, and noted an impressive improvement in the standard of entries. There were eight regional awards given to four designers.

Winners included a house with "a bach aesthetic" on Worsleys Rd on Christchurch's Port Hills, a "wonderfully playful" yoghurt shop in the suburb of Riccarton, a "sophisticated" low-cost block of apartments in Linwood, a Rangiora cafe with an "industrial vocabulary", the "uniquely designed" silo apartments at Little River, and a rebuilt row of Riccarton shops which drew the judging comment "if only more main streets were like this".

Recognition also went to the Belfast office of a concrete plant, and the rebuilt historic facade of Press House in central Christchurch. Judges noted the strongest category across all regions of this year was small-to-medium homes. "The strength of this category demonstrates the growing popularity of compact, well-designed homes that fit within a budget and that prove that affordable homes are able to showcase the best in design," they said. The awards recognise the work of architectural designers, rather than registered architects.

### AWARD WINNERS

Worsleys Road house, Christchurch, designed by Greg Young of Life Style Architecture.

Judges' comments: These two crisp pavilions float on the landscape. Elegantly resolved. The spaces inside these glassy pavilions are defined by large textured elements of robust materials which create variety within a disciplined framework.

Gloucester St apartment block, also designed by Greg Young. Judges' comments: This design brings sophistication to the problem of low cost urban housing. An efficient plan, simple form and bold use of materials.

House at Marina Point, Denarau, Fiji, also designed by Greg Young. Judges' comments: This vivid interior conveys the mode of construction of traditional pacific forms in a contemporary language. The house provides luxurious living in a tropical environment.

ReadyMix Concrete offices, Belfast, designed by Jason Walker of Weirwalker Architecture. Judges' comments: A bold sculptural composition for a precast concrete company, this building cleverly showcases the potential of the product. A sharp design.

Row of shops at 111 Riccarton Road, Christchurch, designed by Jason Walker of Weirwalker Architecture. Judges' comments: An elegantly composed building for an everyday row of shops in a suburban context. If only more main streets were like this.

SiloStay apartments at Little River, designed by Pippin Wright-Stow of F3 Design. Judges' comments: This radical proposition is executed with finesse. Industrial materials and details are invested with sophistication. It looks like a fun place to spend a night and to discover the quirky details.

SoYo shop interior, 111 Riccarton Rd, Christchurch, designed by Chris Wheeler of Hierarchy. Judges' comments: Within the confines of a narrow commercial interior, material, colour and detail are masterfully handled. A wonderfully playful interior for a commercial chain.

Highly commended:

Press House facade in Gloucester St, central Christchurch, designed by Jason Walker of Weirwalker

Coffee Worx cafe in Ashley St, Rangiora, by Chris Wheeler of Hierarchy.

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