



Architectural award for Ohakune bach

The winning “residential compact” house in this region’s architectural awards is a “crisp, compact house provides a warm and inviting retreat from the ski fields,” according to the judges.

The “simple Ohakune bach” is called the Magnolia Bach.

The bach was designed by Maurice Regeer of MnM Design of Tauranga and was the winner in the residential compact (up to 150 square metres) new home section of the Architectural Design Awards Taranaki/Wanganui/Manawatu – part of the ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards.

Called the ‘Magnolia Bach’, the “crisp, compact house provides a warm and inviting retreat from the ski fields,” the judges said.

“The simple outdoor form has been carefully modulated to provide sheltered outdoor spaces.”

The bach had been “designed around a set of tough parameters including height restrictions, views and prevailing wind”.

“The base is a simple rectangular shape which steps in at the north/west side of the house, with the roof continuing over. This creates a covered deck around the north/west side providing shelter from the summer sun, but in winter it allows the sun to penetrate deep into the house. This corner of the house opens up to the deck for an exceptional indoor-outdoor flow.”

Judges said the strongest category 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 prove that affordable homes are able to showcase the best in design.”

The national awards will be held in the Bay of Islands in September.

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“Crisp, compact” is how judges describe Ohakune’s winning bach.
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