



Award winning house design

Here's proof that homes don't have to be huge to win architectural designs awards. At the 2014 ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards a Duncansby Rd, Stanmore Bay, home won the People's Choice award and the residential compact new home up to 150 square metres award for Auckland/Northland.

The home is designed by builder and former owner Jason Mann and David Maurice. This small, simple but elegant coastal family home is built on a very steep site. It sits lightly on the sloping site, suspended above the contour allowing sun and rain to reach beneath the building platform.

The view is framed between the projecting deck and the canopy.

In time vegetation will grow below and around the structure, re-stabilising the site and allowing good permeability.

A major feature of the home is the 50 square metre deck, which is

suspended over lush, green coastal vegetation with Hauraki Gulf views.

Jason Mann says the challenging build took more than eight months, but was well worth it.

He can now take the design elsewhere and use it on other sites, and it doesn't matter if they're on a steep or flat sections.

He had a clear idea of what he wanted, and spent months researching the exterior and interior design.

"The interior is plain and simple with a strong Scandinavian influence. The walls are light with timber flooring, with a key piece of furniture and distinctive black feature walls, and no space for clutter," he says.



Cleverly compact: The award winning Duncansby Rd home was designed by David Maurice of Ltd Architecture, Silverdale, and the home's former owner, builder Jason Mann of Iconic Homes. **Photos: PHILLIP WONG**



Fantastic features: The interior is stylish and simple, with white walls, timber floors, key pieces of furniture and black feature walls.