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Local scoops two awards

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Whangamata's Diana Blake was named — twice — among the top architectural designers in the Waikato region at the prestigious ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards on Saturday night.

The regional competition of the ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards recognises successful design in residential and commercial architecture across a range of categories including new homes, multi-unit dwellings, interiors, alterations and additions and industrial design.

Six awards were shared among four architectural designers from the region with Blake, of Diana Blake Design, winning the Commercial/Industrial Architectural Design Award for the Whangamata Kindergarten and the Residential Interiors

Architectural Design Award for her work on the Blake Residence, situated on a 0.4 hectare avocado orchard on the outskirts of Whangamata. This year's recognition

comes on top of a similar success last year when she was named the ADNZ/Resene

Regional Winner 2012 for a residence over 250m².

Mrs Blake was unable to be

contacted this week for comment on her wins.

The Residential Alterations and Additions Architectural Design Award was won by Dayle Beuth of Lifestyle Architectural Services, Waitakere, for his 'Whangamata Bach Addition'.

The awards were judged by Italian architect Caterina Steiner and well-known members of the New Zealand design community, Tony van Raat and Duncan Joiner.



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SHE'S A WINNER: Diana Blake at work in her rural studio overlooking the upper Whangamata Harbour last year.