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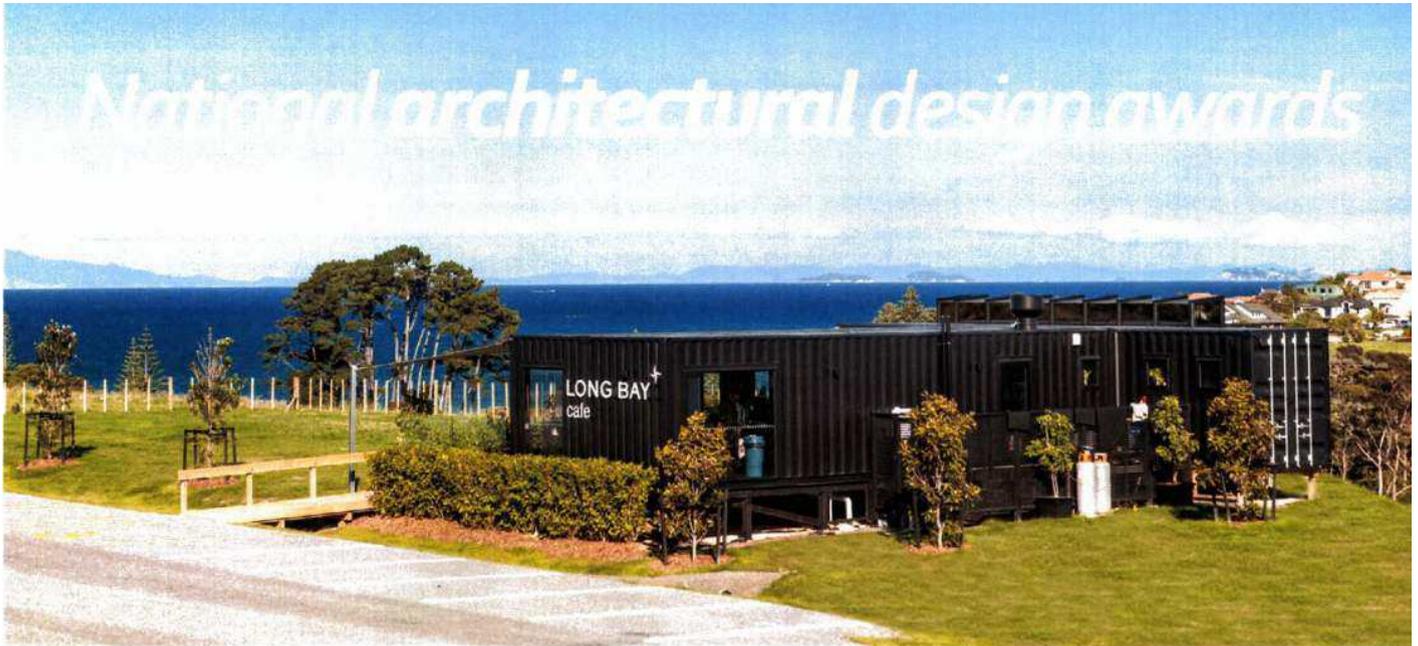
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**A** Christchurch architectural designer has taken out top honours at the 2013 national ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards.

Cymon Allfrey of Cymon Allfrey Architects Ltd won the Residential New Home over 300sqm Award, sponsored by James Hardie, for his Cashmere Hill design 'Evans House'. Allfrey received the award ahead of more than 130 architects and architectural designers from across the country.

Announced recently at a gala awards ceremony at the Dunedin Town Hall, the ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards celebrates successful design in residential and commercial architecture across a range of categories including new homes, interiors, alterations and additions and industrial design across New Zealand.

Allfrey's design 'Evans House' sits on the upper slopes of Christchurch's Cashmere Hills. The project was a result of the 2011 Christchurch earthquake which claimed the previous home.

Judges of the ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards were Duncan Joiner, Tony van Raat and Italian architect Caterina Steiner. They said 'Evans House' was "A suave and elegant composition that turns the kitchen into the theatre and with a staircase the happy owners will dance up and down for hours! The architect has known when to stop; one of the most impressive things about this house is how many things have been stripped back to their bare essentials, to the enormous benefit of the whole project. A quiet, restrained composition that is a delight to look at and would be even more delightful to live in."

ADNZ General Manager Astrid Andersen said Cymon Allfrey should be an inspiration to all New Zealand architectural designers.

"Cymon has won several ADNZ awards over the years and we are delighted to award him with another in honour and admiration of his elegant and beautiful designs he brings to the Canterbury region."

The much coveted 2013 ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Supreme Award went to a North Shore café in Auckland. Constructed from four shipping containers, the striking 'Long Bay Showroom + Café' by Cameron Cotton of Cubular was awarded the night's top honour of the overall supreme title for its unique design philosophy.

Judges said "The Long Bay Showroom + Café reflects the systems approach, to the procurement of buildings, is essential in situations like the Christchurch rebuild, where large numbers of buildings were needed in a hurry. These buildings can be factory prefabricated and moved onto site. This building ended up looking far, far better than you would expect the assemblage of

**Supreme Winner and Commercial/Industrial Architectural Design Award**

*Long Bay Showroom + Café (Auckland) designed by Cameron Cotton of Cubular*

*Judges' comments: Based on containers, the interiors are brought into proximity well with glazed skylights, the interior plywood finishes are smart and effective and altogether, this is a building which ends up looking far, far better than you would expect an assemblage of containers to look.*

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In addition, to the awards given to Allfrey and Cotton, five other architectural designers from across the country were awarded national awards for their designs.

The Waikato had a strong presence, with three designers from the region coming away with awards. Architectural designers from Wellington and Auckland also took home one of the prized awards.

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