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A barn-like home has been awarded the top prize in the 2014 National ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards. Image: Supplied

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A black, barn-like home has been awarded the top prize in the 2014 National ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards. Designed by Waikato designer Tane Cox of Red Architecture, the award was announced Friday 26 September at a gala awards ceremony in the Bay of Islands.

Whatawhata house is made up of two structures split into living and sleeping quarters, and bathrooms and garaging.

The Whatawhata house is a subtle, economical design centred on two structures. One of the black barn structures houses the main living and sleeping areas for the property while the entry and ablutions are in block forms to the south. The secondary black barn form holds the garage which is detached from the main dwelling.

"Although modest in appearance, the two black barn-like structures are hard to miss," says Cox.

"The house won't be everyone's idea of perfect but I think the approach to the design is an important aspect that anyone can take on board regardless of whether they want to spend a little or a lot."

In addition to the Supreme Award winner, eight designs from across the country were celebrated and awarded national awards at the ceremony:

- Ducansby Road in Red Beach, Auckland designed by David Maurice of Ltd Architectural
- Norton House in Coromandel Town designed by Kris Wilson of Design House Architecture   Ltd
- SoYo in Christchurch designed by Chris Wheeler of Hierarchy Ltd
- Marina Point in Fiji designed by Greg Young of Life Style Architecture
- Il Viaggio in Shotover River by Gary Todd of Gary Todd Architecture
- Heritage View Townhouses in Dunedin by Brent Alexander of The Design Studio
- SiloStay in Little River by Pippin Wright-Stow of F3 Design
- Redwood Visitors Centre - Public Toilets in Rotorua by Darryl Church of Darryl Church   Architecture Ltd

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