



Simply the best in its Ohakune setting

By Staff Reporter

A simple Ohakune bach has won one of the top awards in this year's regional ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards.

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

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."

MnM Design is a Tauranga company. The national awards will be held in the Bay of Islands on September 26.



SNUG: A small but architecturally acclaimed bach in Ohakune has won the regional Architectural Design Award for new compact homes.

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