



## Waikato architecture firm wins top award

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A Waikato man has taken out the supreme award at the ADNZ Architectural Design awards this year.

Tane Cox of Red Architecture won the supreme award, was joint winner of the residential new home between 150 square metres and 300sqm category, and the residential interiors architectural design award category with his second ever entry to the awards; Modern Barn Form.

Cox said he was “pretty overwhelmed” when his name was called out for the supreme award.

“It was a real mixed emotion of being really stoked and also not really sure what to think of it all,” he said.

“I was really happy with what we’d entered . . . But you never know what a judge is going to think.”

This was the second time the 33-year-old had entered the ADNZ awards, after a senior colleague urged him to put something forward last year. He ended up collecting a commercial interior award.

“I did a bit better than I thought, so that gave me a bit of confidence running into this year to maybe put one of our bigger projects in,” Cox said.

The Hamilton-based architect said his design was inspired by the environment the house was to sit in, and a curiosity about the place of the humble barn in New Zealand’s rural landscape.

“[The owners] were very open-minded about how we approached the design of

their house, and I was certainly very keen to put a modern spin on a barn given its environment,” he said.

The national awards were announced at a ceremony on Friday. To qualify, Cox had had to win at regional level, which he did, taking out four awards.

Cox was joined at the national awards by another Waikato winner. Kris Wilson of Design House Architecture won the residential alterations and additions awards for Norton House in Coromandel Town.

All up nine awards were handed out across 76 entrants.

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**Winner:** Tane Cox’s Modern Barn Form built in Whatawhata, Waikato, took out the supreme award at this year’s ADNZ Architectural Design Awards.