

Architects awarded for innovation in design

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MANLY: Residential Interiors winner this year is The Bach by David Maurice of LTD Architectural on The Esplanade in Manly.

A small family home with a big design element, a woolshed conversion, a township's bedraggled iconic pub makeover, and a beach-side bach renovation have scooped top architectural awards.

Architectural master minds are aplenty in Rodney with the majority of wins at the Auckland and Northland 2015 ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards on Friday night going to local designs.

Seven regional awards were presented to the most innovative, creative and aesthetic designs in residential and commercial sectors.

The awards identify stand-out designs categorised as new homes, interiors, alterations and additions, and industrial design.

This year's regional winners were Bernie Kose of BK Design, Joseph Long and David Maurice of LTD Architectural, Peter Were of Peter Were Architecture and Interiors, Phil Mason of Phil Mason Consultants, and Mark McLeay of Creative Arch.

It's the second win for Silverdale-based LTD Architectural designer David Maurice who won the national title for a Residential New Home up to 150m² last year.

This year he won the Residential Interiors Award for his work on a bach in Manly and was "stoked" with the result.

"It was a cool project. The owner used to live in the place in his younger years but it was sold and he moved to Queenstown," Maurice says.

"He was looking to move back up to the area and saw the place was on the market again but it was in bad disrepair. The idea was to keep the essence of the older bach but update it.

"The interior now really suits the owner's personality and lifestyle."

Maurice is proud of the award and how the company he co-directs, LTD Architecturals, has grown from a team of two working from a Whangaparaoa garage in 2008, to now eight designers in their own office in Silverdale.

Colleague and co-director Joseph Long also picked up the New Home between 150-300m² award for his design of an Omaha house.

"I was very excited as it was my first award. I'm wrapped and a little surprised as there was a pretty high standard of work entered," Long says.

"The home owner was keen on doing something different, something that would stand out. The main design challenges were in regards to living close to the roadside. Making sure garaging and parking worked out while still maintaining a nice living court at the front, and privacy.

"Big kudos to the owner who built it himself."

Kose of BK Design in Warkworth won the Residential Compact New Home up to 150m² category with his 105m², three-bedroom home designed for his son.

"It was a bit of a collaboration, as my son works for me. We designed it as his family home and were really pleased with the result. It's a nice looking house and fits where it is. It was pretty cost effective too."

It's the first time Kose had entered the awards and the win was a complete surprise on the night.

"It's recognition of a really good job."

A Scott's Landing home on Ridge Rd designed by Mark McLeay of Creative Arch won the Resene Colour in Design award.

Judge's commented the "brave in black dramatic exterior sits in beautiful contrast with the gentle, light and inviting surfaces of the interior".

Matakana Village Pub took the Commercial Interior award with design work done by Peter Were of Peter Were Architecture and Interiors.

The project turned the once-bedraggled village eyesore into a landmark destination. The refurbishment features a completely rebuilt commercial kitchen and bathroom facilities, a dining room and a reenergised garden bar.

Were also took out the Residential New Home over 300m2 award with his design on a Takatu Woolshed conversion in Matakana.

The derelict woolshed was transformed into a two-wing home with stunning views of Omaha Beach and gulf. The interior featured original fixtures and salvaged materials.

Regional winners are now eligible for the national titles announced on October 30.

***See more photos of the winning homes at rodneytimes.co.nz**

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