



Ponsonby villa renovation wins major ADNZ Resene colour award



This beautiful villa renovation at 17 O'Neill Street, Ponsonby, designed by Allan McIntosh of Buildology Ltd, has won the Auckland-Northland ADNZ Resene Colour in Design Award.

There's nothing quite like a beautiful villa renovation, and 17 O'Neill Street is a good example.

The project, by Allan McIntosh of Buildology Ltd, has just won the Auckland-Northland ADNZ Resene Colour in Design Award and a Commended Award in the Residential Additions & Alterations category.

The house, built in the early 1900s, is situated among rows of traditional villas in the heart of Ponsonby.



The master bedroom is at the front of the villa.

The designer says the existing layout was tight and maze like, with all the north-facing sun wasted on rooms that were not living areas.



Bathrooms combine traditional features with modern convenience.

Buildology opened up a late addition lean-to and designed an open-plan living space in line with Auckland Council's Special Character zoning overlay.

The award judges said the villa was worthy of heritage retention. "Restoration has attempted to respect some of the original character, via architrave retention and showcasing original floorboards. Further improvements have been made by evening out ceiling heights, allowing more light into the living areas, and re-using existing bricks as a feature wall.

The Resene colour award judges said: "What a beautiful villa! The neutral palette flows effortlessly throughout to create a fresh and inviting space. It is clearly evident that precise consideration has been taken to piece together all of stunning elements. The consistent smoky tones contrast with each other to create a beautiful and harmonious home."



The designer pushed out a lean-to at the back to create a large, sunny, open-plan living area.



A raked ceiling reinterprets the traditional idea of the lean-to.



The new living area provides several seating areas.



The new family living area is designed to allow an easy flow through the house to the outdoor living area at the rear.