



Residential designs win accolades

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Hamilton architect Noel Jessop has been praised for his attention to fine detail and the beautiful presentation of his work.

Jessop, who favours modernist designs in his houses, won in four categories at the Waikato Regional ADNZ Architectural Design Awards this month. He also received an award in the Bay of Plenty Regional competition.

A residential new home called Black on White – a four-bedroom house in Hamilton – was one of his favourites.

The home’s large, white painted brick-clad wall, layered with black-stained cedar creates the building’s spine and horizontal windows let in large amounts of light.

Jessop has been in the business for more than 17 years, but still gets a kick out of the awards. But creating the homes is still the best part.

He enjoys being able to create something for clients and put his mark on the world.

“Also being able to bring something



Noel Jessop’s award-winning Black on White design.

fresh for clients. We’re always continuously learning and finding better ways of doing things.

“The residential projects are always good to do because you’re dealing with people, you’re dealing with emotions. It’s always good to see an end result that someone can live in.”

A multitude of factors go into creating

a successful residential property, he says.

“Things can look really good but if it’s no good to actually live in then it doesn’t really benefit anyone.

“If the house is designed well, it will be maximising the sun, those are the things we need to consider more – getting heat into our houses.

“It doesn’t have to be a million dollars, it’s just got to be a good space.

“It’s not always about money and who’s got the biggest, it’s about thinking about what works better and doing things better.”

Judges praised Jessop for his attention to fine detail, and for understanding the relationship between the buildings and their environments.

There were more than 149 entries in the awards which recognise creative and well-designed residential, commercial, alterations and multi-use projects from across New Zealand.

Architectural Designers New Zealand is a professional body for architects and architectural designers in New Zealand.

The national awards ceremony will be held in October.