



Beach homes steal the show

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Two stunning beach houses showcasing the beauty of the coast stole the show at the 2017 Hawke’s Bay/Poverty Bay regional architectural design awards at the weekend.

Herbertville Bach in Hawkes Bay won Wellington designer Michael Holmes, of Holmes Architecture, the award for best new home 150sq m, as well as the Resene colour award.

The designer’s informal beach dwelling is set along a sweeping expanse of remote Hawke’s Bay coastline. The judges remarked on how a modest budget had stretched surprisingly far.

“The clever use of decking

dramatises the entry sequence, while maximising usable area on an exposed site,” the judges said.

Matthew Janes of PAK Design overcame design and construction challenges in his project, titled Beachside Retreat. This generous open-plan dwelling is in the remote coastal settlement of Shoal Bay.

Janes won the Residential New Home between 150m² and 300m² Architectural Design Award.

The judges described Janes’ design as a “humble, calming response” to a rugged coastal environment.

“The considered placement of prefabricated building forms, connected by decks, draw occupants into the landscape.”

Architectural Designers NZ chief executive Astrid Andersen said both designs demonstrated a strong awareness of context, place and the needs of people — which had been skilfully

incorporated into their winning entries.

“Value has been placed on the significance of coastal settings,

and the unique beauty of each location has been reflected in these impressive designs,” she said.



Herbertville Bach, below, won designer Michael Holmes two awards. Above, the Beachside Retreat in Shoal Bay designed by Matthew Janes.



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