



# Design awards for pair of Kapiti homes

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A Kapiti architect's own home has been recognised twice at an architecture awards ceremony in Wellington.

Ben Gilpin, of Gil-Plans Architecture, won the Resene Colour in Design Award, at the Wellington and Wairarapa Regional ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards. The award was given for the design of his own home in Raumati South.

Gilpin said the home was designed with space for his young family to grow into.

"It provides separation for kids and adult spaces and can be an entertainer's home for both adults and children.

"The home had to be light and contemporary in an edgy style with a focus on exterior connectivity."

The Resene judges complimented the design.

"Dark and light neutral tones showcase the extensive use of rich timber, creating warm and inviting spaces for relaxing and entertaining."

The home also received a commended in the residential new home between 150 and 300-square-metre architectural design category.

AD Architecture's Jonathan Ambler was highly commended for his work on a Waikanae Beach bach. Ambler had created a home for socialising, both indoors around the pool table and outside with a game of backyard cricket.

The residential new home over 300-square-metre architectural design award was awarded to

Michael Holmes of Holmes Architecture.

The home was built for a recently retired couple, adjacent to the Martinborough Golf Club.

In Lower Hutt, Arc Design's Ananth Sharma's transformation of a supermarket into a Sikh temple was commended in the

commercial/industrial architectural design category.

The project involved turning Naenae's New World into a temple with a library and teaching area, prayer hall, dining and

kitchen area and accommodation for the priest.

Architectural Designers NZ chief executive Astrid Andersen said she was delighted by the variety of projects presented.

"Each designer's understanding of the brief, of the needs of inhabitants, as well as context and setting is reflected in these very impressive designs."

Regional ceremonies will be held across the country until mid-August, in the lead up to the national awards on October 27.

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**Ben Gilpin's house in Raumati South. Below, Jonathan Ambler's Waikanae Beach bach.**