

Canterbury rebuilds in ADNZ awards include more 'compact' homes 🏠

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Residential Compact New Home up to 150m² Architectural Design Joint Award; Residential Multi-Unit Dwelling Architectural Design Joint Award; and Residential Interiors Architectural Design Joint Award Designer: Mitchell Coll of Coll Architecture Project: Madras Street, Christchurch

The Christchurch rebuild continues to create record numbers of entries in the annual Canterbury Westland Regional ADNZ | Resene Architectural Design Awards.

And this year the convenor says there was a noticeable increase in the number of high-quality compact homes, which just goes to prove bigger isn't always better.

Mitchell Coll of Coll Architecture's rusted Corten steel-clad workingman's cottages in Madras St won three awards – Up to 150m² Architectural Design Award (joint award) sponsored by Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment; the Residential Multi-Unit Dwelling Architectural Design Award (joint award) and Residential Interiors Architectural Design Award (joint award).



Designer Pippin Wright-Stow of F3 Design received an ADNZ award for this compact home in Lyttelton.

The ADNZ judges were impressed that the inner-city cottages – reminiscent of 'Christchurch school' houses – require no maintenance, because basic materials are utilised.



Designer Aaron Jones of Urban Function Architecture received a Highly Commended award in the compact category for Soleares in Mt Pleasant, Christchurch.

The project comprises two small 74 square-metre adjoined townhouses on a 300sqm central city site. The designer says the townhouses were designed specifically for young professionals with "energy efficiency, sustainability and durability at the forefront of all decisions made, while making no compromises with aesthetics".

Floor plan and volume efficiencies were made where possible to keep the energy and costs to a minimum, for both building and running the home.

A steel-framed dwelling which appears to hover above a steep site – Pippin Wright-Stow's Lyttelton Landing entry – was also a big winner. It received the Up to 150m² Architectural Design Award (joint award) sponsored by Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment; and the Residential Interiors Architectural Design Award (joint award).



Lincoln Home, by Don Roy and Cymon Allfrey of Cymon Allfrey Architects, received a Commended in the Residential Interiors Architectural Design category.

The judges noted the design's strong sense of place and described it as a "celebration of post-earthquake construction".

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"The industrial materiality and detailing combines with a surprising level of craft, to speak eloquently of living in a port town."

The Residential Alterations and Additions Architectural Design Award was won by Jason Higham of Higham Architecture with his complete revamp of a Rangiora bungalow utilising reclaimed materials.

Another inspiring winner was a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired house on Banks Peninsula. Designer Bob Burnett of Bob Burnett Architecture won the Residential New Home between 150m² and 300m² Architectural Design Award.

The Residential New Home over 300m² Architectural Design Award was won by Cymon Allfrey and Don Roy of Cymon Allfrey Architects for a house designed for panoramic views, high on Christchurch's Port Hills. Cymon Allfrey Architects also shared the Residential Multi-Unit Dwelling Architectural Design Award for a Kilmore St apartment complex.

The Resene Colour in Design Award went to Barry Connor of Barry Connor Design for his striking combination of black and yellow in a Waikuku Beach House.

Another small home recognised was designed by Aaron Jones of Urban Function Architecture, who received a Highly Commended for Soleares – a home on the lower slopes of Mt Pleasant.

Commendeds went to Joshua Newlove of Newlove Browning Architects, Bob Burnett of Bob Burnett Architecture and, Don Roy and Cymon Allfrey of Cymon Allfrey Architects.

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