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Wharemate tops awards

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The wharemate – house of mourning – at Bay of Plenty's Tanatana Marae is cause for celebration rather than mourning, with the structure named the supreme winner of this year's Architectural Designers New Zealand (ADNZ) Resene Architectural Design Awards.

The brainchild of Aladina Harunani from Apa Architects, the structure was designed to cater to Tuhoe's unique tradition whereby the deceased are not mourned in the wharenui (meeting house) but a wharemate.

ADNZ chief executive officer Astrid Andersen said designing according to cultural requirements demanded a considerable amount of skill and sensitivity.

"It is inspiring to see a striking contemporary design, which is beautiful in its simplicity, fulfil the requirements of a complex brief.

"The design is a celebration of life, death, traditional life and a nod to the future," Anderson said.

Tanatana Marae spokesman Martin Rakuraku said the Waimana community wanted a new building to house mourning families and to be a symbol of the future.

"Traditionally, the oratory takes place outside, whether it's rain, hail or sunshine. But we do occasionally get bad weather here and it's important for people to be warm and comfortable," Rakuraku said.

The awards received more than149 entries. Other winners included Tane Cox of Red Architecture, who took out the compact home award for Raglan property the Crow's Nest; and Don Roy and Cymon Allfrey for their Bradnor Rd, Christchurch, build which earned the award for a residential home over 300-square-metres.

The ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards is held annually to celebrate the most innovative, creative and aesthetic architecture across the country.

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Craig South, of Cymon Allfrey Architects, won the residential multi-unit dwelling award for this Gleneagles Terrace property in Christchurch.

The supreme winner of the Architectural Design Awards: Wharemate for Tanatana Marae designed by Aladina Harunani in Waimana.

This Lucerne Rd project by Allan McIntosh of Buildology in Auckland won the residential alterations and additions award.