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Awards prove small is beautiful

A modest home on a very steep site in Stanmore Bay impressed judges of the Auckland/Northland Architectural Design Awards held recently, winning the residential compact new home category.

The home was distinctly local – designed by David Maurice of Ltd Architecture in Silverdale and built by Jason Mann of Iconic Homes in Stanmore Bay. The agent who sold the property was Sue Donoghue of Bayleys, Whangaparaoa.

The design makes best use of the difficult site while optimising coastal views. As plants grow up, the living platform will ultimately be suspended over lush, green coastal vegetation.

Judges Dr Andrew Barrie, Professor of Design at the School of Architecture and Planning, Dr Duncan Joiner, Chief Architect at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and architectural designer Graham Sawell, praised the Duncansby Road home as having “an overall modest but sharp concept”.

They said that the category for small to medium homes was the strongest of this year’s awards, demonstrating the growing popularity of compact, well-designed homes that fit within a budget. The judges added that the strength of this category proves that affordable homes are able to showcase the best in design.

Another local home also featured in the awards: alterations done to a home in Red Beach by Trevor Wilson of Architecture 37 received a Highly Commended award in the alterations and additions category.

Held annually, the awards recognise successful design across categories that include new homes, interiors, and alterations. Winners go forward to the national awards to be held in September.