



Top title: The Long Bay Showroom and Cafe by Cameron Cotton of Cubular won the supreme award from among 130 entries

A cafe comprising four shipping containers has won a prestigious design award.

The Long Bay Showroom and Cafe earned the Supreme title at the 2013 ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards.

The striking project by Cameron Cotton of Cubular was named best architectural design from 130 entries across New Zealand.

Judges were delighted to see an entry which tackles the housing affordability crisis, ADNZ general manager Astrid Andersen says.

“This design is robust, environmentally sustainable, energy efficient, affordable and relocatable. It is also beautifully designed and constructed,” she says.

“The industrial nature of the shipping containers has been embraced, left unclad

and painted with heavy duty matt black container paint. It is a beautiful mix of solid, ribbed, robust steel combined with smooth, translucent glass. ADNZ encourages all of its designers to look at solutions to New Zealand’s building problems – particularly designs which are as simple and as elegant as this one.”

Though Long Bay Showroom and Cafe is a commercial design, Cotton’s company Cubular has produced a suite of residential and commercial designs that aim to provide an answer to housing affordability. Each design is custom built, innovative, well designed and can be shipped and relocated to anywhere in the world. The company utilises a combination of 6.10 metres and 12.19m, single and

multi-level shipping containers in their designs.

A Bay of Plenty bach Cotton designed using the same design and construction principles won the ADNZ Resene Architectural Residential Compact New Home up to 150 square metres Design Award at the Bay of Plenty regional awards. Eco conscious, compact and created from a 12.19m shipping container clad in cedar and black powder coated aluminium, the total construction cost of the Cubular bach was only \$85,000.

The Long Bay Showroom and Cafe “reflects the systems approach to the procurement of buildings, which is essential in situations like the Christchurch rebuild where large numbers of buildings were needed in a hurry”, ADNZ Resene Archi-

tectural Design Awards judges Duncan Joiner, Tony van Raat and Italian architect Caterina Steiner say.

“These buildings can be factory prefabricated and moved on to site. This building ended up looking far, far better than you would expect the assemblage of containers to look.”

The awards were held in Dunedin at a gala dinner on September 27. They recognise successful design in residential and commercial architecture across a range of categories including new homes, multi-unit dwellings, interiors, alterations and additions and industrial design.

In addition to the supreme winner, six designers from across the country were awarded national awards for their designs.



Container cafe: Shipping containers were used to make The Long Bay Showroom and Cafe.