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Two Waikato houses win national design awards

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Two Waikato designers have been awarded major architectural awards at the 2018 ADNZ | Resene Architectural Design Awards.

The two houses from Waikato were recognised along with just seven other projects from around New Zealand at the awards held in Rotorua on October 26 by Architectural Designers New Zealand.

Tane Cox of Red Architecture won the Resene Colour in Design Award for a Tamahere home titled 'A Cabin & Trees' and Aaron Guerin of LAD Architecture won the Residential Alterations and Additions Architectural Design Award for a Hamilton project called 'Kotahi Avenue'.



'A Cabin & Trees' by Red Architecture.

A Cabin & Trees is a simple dwelling on a tree-filled site in a semi-rural location. The brief was for a guest accommodation to accompany a larger dwelling.

Design challenges to be addressed included retaining the tree-scape, managing foliage from seasonal change and creating a structure that represented its environment well. The surrounding trees were considered important in the design approach and so a structure was built that directly references a tree's basic anatomy.

Cedar timber layers the exterior in its entirety. Soft warm Siberian larch layers the interior living spaces.

The Resene judges said that the brief had clearly been met with an effective use of materials, textures and colours.

"The exterior stain effortlessly blends into the tree-filled site and will continue to do so as the seasons change.

Paint colours have been used successfully to reference the soft, warm Siberian larch. Natural and artificial light has been carefully considered to maximise warmth and enhance the natural tones."

Aaron Guerin's renovation of an original Californian bungalow saw a home with beautiful features, but in dire need of a restoration, transformed into a home with character but with all the modern-day comforts.

Judges said the considerable renovation had not only been carried out in sympathetic way, it had also added further to the overall aesthetic.

"Careful site and floor planning have produced thoroughly usable areas in what have typically been difficult buildings to address.

Exposed interior trusses, traditional wall panelling throughout and kitchen detailing consistent with the style have all been expertly included to give a very successful outcome for the clients.

Architectural Designers New Zealand CEO Astrid Andersen said Aaron Guerin and Tane Cox are regular faces at the awards podium.

"Tane Cox has been a SUPREME award winner and national award winner several times. Aaron Guerin is also no stranger to these awards – in fact he has made an appearance at a regional and national level for several years in a row.

I think this demonstrates the depth of talent in the Waikato region. These are talented designers who are doing quality, stand-out work and really pushing boundaries. Well done to Aaron and Tane," says Astrid Andersen.

In addition to the two Waikato winners, there were seven other award-winning projects from throughout New Zealand.

The winners were: 'The Family Bach' in Hanmer Springs by Cymon Allfrey of Cymon Allfrey Architects Ltd, 'Nixon Studio' in Auckland by Mark McLeay of Creative Arch, 'Glandovey Home' in Christchurch by Cymon Allfrey of Cymon Allfrey Architects Ltd, 'Latimer' in Christchurch by Kelly Rush of Krush Architecture, 'Redcliffs Village Library' in Christchurch by Greg Young of Young Architects, 'Chain Mail' in Mt Maunganui by Adam Taylor of Adam Taylor Architecture and 'Wooden Origami House' in Tauranga by Will Tatton of Will Tatton Architecture.

'The Family Bach', by Cymon Allfrey of Cymon Allfrey Architects, took out the most prestigious award of the night – the ADNZ | Resene SUPREME Architectural Design Award.