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New Napier waterfront reserve celebrated at 2018 Gisborne and Hawkes Bay Architecture Awards

A major upgrade of public space on Napier's waterfront and three outstanding housing projects have received awards at the 2018 Gisborne / Hawkes Bay Architecture Awards.

The winning projects were announced at a ceremony in Taupō held to celebrate both the Gisborne / Hawkes Bay Architecture Awards and Waikato / Bay of Plenty Architecture Awards.

The awards are part of the peer-reviewed New Zealand Architecture Awards programme run by the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) and sponsored by Resene. The programme sets the benchmark for the country's building projects and recognises the contribution of architects to their towns and communities.

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This year's Gisborne / Hawkes Bay Architecture awards jury comprised Hawkes Bay architects Richard Daniels (convenor), Gavin Cooper and Renée Woods, and Wellington architect Judi Keith-Brown.

Daniels said the jury was impressed by the quality of the improvements to Napier's Marine Parade foreshore reserve, which were designed by Paris Magdalinos Architects.

"The wide boardwalks and gardens, which connect with pedestrian and cycle paths and link back to the city centre, are providing new ways for people of all ages to enjoy the area and access Napier's Ocean Beach," Daniels said.

"Already large numbers of people are enjoying this new amenity, and the quality of the work will undoubtedly enhance the region's popularity with tourists."

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Daniels described the Marine Parade Redevelopment as a “rich and layered design that acknowledged both the natural and more recent human history of the Napier waterfront, while also pointing to the future by giving young people centre stage”.

The transformation included the redesign of the existing Marineland grandstand, which is now a support and spectator building for a new skate park.

“The action is laid out for all to see and enjoy,” Daniels said. “The overall experience is one of inclusivity, exuberance and fun.”

Three housing projects received Gisborne / Hawkes Bay Architecture Awards.

Paris Magdalinos Architects received an award in the Housing – Alterations and Additions category for Nelson House, a renovation of a small Art Deco cottage.

“This elegant and successful seaside house shows how more modest existing housing stock can be re-imagined for modern-day living,” the jury said. “The architects have made effective use of the suburban seaside site and employed materials that evoke the tradition of the creosoted bach.”

“From the lush-orange front door and recycled tōtara boards, the beautiful entrance sequence unfolds into a more open-plan layout that works well within the constraints of the original concrete structure.”

A Napier Hill “jewellery box” house designed by Neil Fenwick Architects also won a housing award.

“The house has a robust exterior, thanks to the specification of natural materials, while inside it is gem-like, alive with colour, luxurious fittings and dramatic lighting. This house is exuberant and larger than life,” the jury said.

The third housing award went to an expansive farmhouse designed by Architecture HDT Hawkes Bay at Mangatahi, west of Hastings.

The house, which is sited in a picturesque rural and garden setting, is organised around a courtyard plan that includes working facilities and storage buildings.

“At first glance, the farmhouse appears to belong to an earlier time, one in which houses grew to accommodate the needs of succeeding generations, and verandahs, gardens and sheds were added over time, the jury said. “However,

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the house itself is new, and the planning and forms of the house flow as a well-considered, interlocking series of indoor and outdoor spaces.”

All Gisborne / Hawkes Bay Architecture Award-winning projects are eligible for shortlisting in the New Zealand Architecture Awards, which will be announced at a November event in Wellington.

For more information about any award-winning projects, or to arrange interviews with the awards convenor or a winning architect, please contact:

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Planning and Urban Design

Marine Parade Redevelopment – *Paris Magdalinos Architects*

Housing

Hill House – *Neil Fenwick Architects*

Mangatahi – *Architecture HDT Hawkes Bay*

Housing - Alterations and Additions

Nelson House – *Paris Magdalinos Architects*