



WINNING DESIGN: The Ohakune ski lodge 'Stargazer' designed by Maurice Regeer.



WARM INTERIOR: A look at the inside of 'Stargazer' through the large glass sliders which look out at Mt Ruapehu.

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Humble lodge dazzles judges

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A simple but functional Ohakune ski lodge has won the top prize at a regional architectural design competition.

The regional competition, ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards, held in New Plymouth, recognised 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.

Among the six awards given out to architects and architectural designers from across the Taranaki, Wanganui and Manawatu regions was the award for Residential Compact New Home up to 150sq m given to Te Puke-based designer Maurice Regeer for his Ohakune ski lodge design titled "Stargazer".

Judges Tony van Raat, Duncan Joiner and Italian architect Caterina Steiner said they were astonished and impressed that the three-bedroom, two-bathroom design

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was built for \$140,000.

They said although Stargazer was a lodge, rather than a house for permanent occupation, it could be well suited for either use.

"A very elegantly composed box, it contains all the essential functions for living and opens out towards the sun."

Mr Regeer was a national finalist at the 2012 awards for a home office design in Te Puke.

Astrid Andersen, general manager of Architectural Designers NZ, said the high calibre of this year's entries made judging difficult. "There is serious competition across the Taranaki, Wanganui and Manawatu regions. This year we were delighted to see such bold and inspiring entries from across the regions and can't wait to see what more is to come from these talented architectural designers in the future," she said.

The national and supreme ADNZ Resene Architectural Design Awards winners will be announced on September 27 at a gala awards ceremony in Dunedin.



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