

NZIA Supreme Awards 2008

Recognising exceptional Kiwi architecture, these awards are made annually to projects that have already won a New Zealand Award for Architecture.

Three outstanding buildings have been honoured in this year's New Zealand Institute of Architects Resene Supreme Awards. National judging convenor Pip Cheshire, of Auckland-based Cheshire Architects, said that, while solutions were responsive to New Zealand demands, the winning buildings reflect our increasing architectural sophistication.

Winners were Hills Clubhouse in Arrowtown, DOC's Conservation House in Wellington and Trinity Apartments in Auckland. The institute also honoured Ivan Mercep with its Gold Medal in recognition of his outstanding 50-year+ career. The importance of Wellington's iconic Massey House, designed by Ernst Plischke and Cedric Firth in 1957, was recognised with an Enduring Award.

Hills Clubhouse – Patterson Associates Ltd

Hills Clubhouse, designed for jeweller Michael Hill, was created to seamlessly integrate with the landscape. Built to the highest sustainable principles, less than a quarter of the building is above ground and the roof is topped with native tussock. The pavilion makes a splendid divot-like sculpture just off the eighteenth green. Its structural engineering and reflective interiors make a memorable entry to the course and a triumphant nineteenth hole.

Conservation House – architecture+

DOC's Conservation House, in Manners Street, was redeveloped from a series of 1980s buildings, including a former cinema. The result is a masterful workplace solution for a government agency around a central →



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