

Residential Architectural Excellence Award

Supreme Award Winner: Melling Morse Architects

Project: The Wedge



Judges Comments

Judges appreciated the commitment to timber as a structural, cladding and finishing material.

The house is neatly placed on a site which is tight in horizontal and vertical dimensions, offering spaces which are comfortable and dramatic at the same time.

The entry, the “Wedge”, orients the main rectangular body of the house away from the street axis and cleverly directs past the house in front towards the archetypical Wellington view.

Highly Commended (1 of 1): Nicholas Stevens and Gary Lawson – Project Architect Philip Graham

Project: Onehunga Studio



Judges Comments

This small building punches above its weight architecturally.

It is redolent of New Zealand traditions of Maori architecture, sheds and creosoted houses, whilst being totally contemporary in its resolution.

The quiet eccentricity of forms, where the broken mono-pitch is set beside the hyperbolic paraboloid, reflects the owners life style which combines living, painting and motorbike display.

The external and internal intensity is married sophisticated use of materials and light.