

Waikato company making its mark

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Waikato building company Urban Residential Developments is stamping its mark on the industry, taking away three regional awards in this year's Registered Master Builders House of the Year and Commercial Projects awards.

Urban Residential Developments director Daniel Klinkenberg says the company won the gold award in the New Homes \$350,000 to \$450,000 category, for the construction of a Santa Fe-style home in Tamahere.

"The owners wanted a Santa Fe and country style home, with a lot of timber work, and exposed concrete and brick work on the inside," he says.

"It wasn't a simple house to build, there were a lot of waterproofing issues with parapet walls and planter boxes that needed to be water proofed without ruining the look of the building. It comes down to attention to detail."

Having won the gold award, this home will go on to the national Master Builders House of the Year awards in November.

Urban Residential Developments won a silver award in the Commercial Education Project category for its work on the Tamahere School library. One of the oldest schools in the area, Tamahere School's library was built more than 100 years ago, and is registered with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

Urban Residential Developments completely refurbished the building so it was practical to use as a library, and added a lobby area while retaining the look of the building.

Urban Residential Developments also won a bronze award in the Renovations under \$250,000 category, for the transformation of a TotalSpan shed on a picturesque rural section in Raglan, into a stunning three-bedroom home.

Klinkenberg says his clients had found their dream property, but were not quite ready to build their dream home. The TotalSpan shed already on the property would serve in the interim, but a renovation was in order.

Extensive measures were taken to convert the shed into a home, including insulating the entire building and adding double glazing, as well as a new roof. Cedar cladding was added to soften the exterior face of the shed, and Kwila decking brings an outdoor living space.

To comply with local council regulations, the renovated shed is still classified as an auxiliary building, so modifications were restricted. The living area had to be no more than 70sqm, plus three bedrooms and an office.

Klinkenberg now has his eye on the future and expansion of the company, with aspirations to grow from its current level of eight full time staff, to also employing a sales person, project manager and a full time estimator.

He has been working with a business mentor for the past 12 months with the express purpose of ensuring he has the systems in place to handle the growth. "It's been a huge help and taught me a lot," he says.

"We've been getting all our systems functioning as if we're a large company while we're still reasonably small, so when we do get bigger we've got things in place to make sure we can handle the workload. We want to still be able to offer the same high level of service we offer today."



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