

TIDA winners include stunning hillside home in Queenstown

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TIDA New Zealand Architect New Home of the Year: Gary Todd Architecture – Gary Todd; Queenstown

A multi million-dollar see-through holiday home in Queenstown has been celebrated in the 2018 Trends International Design Awards (TIDA). Cascata, designed by architect Gary Todd of Gary Todd Architecture, took out the TIDA New Zealand Architect New Home of the Year Award at a function in Auckland on November 1.

The house, which you can rent from \$11,000 a night, references legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece, Fallingwater.

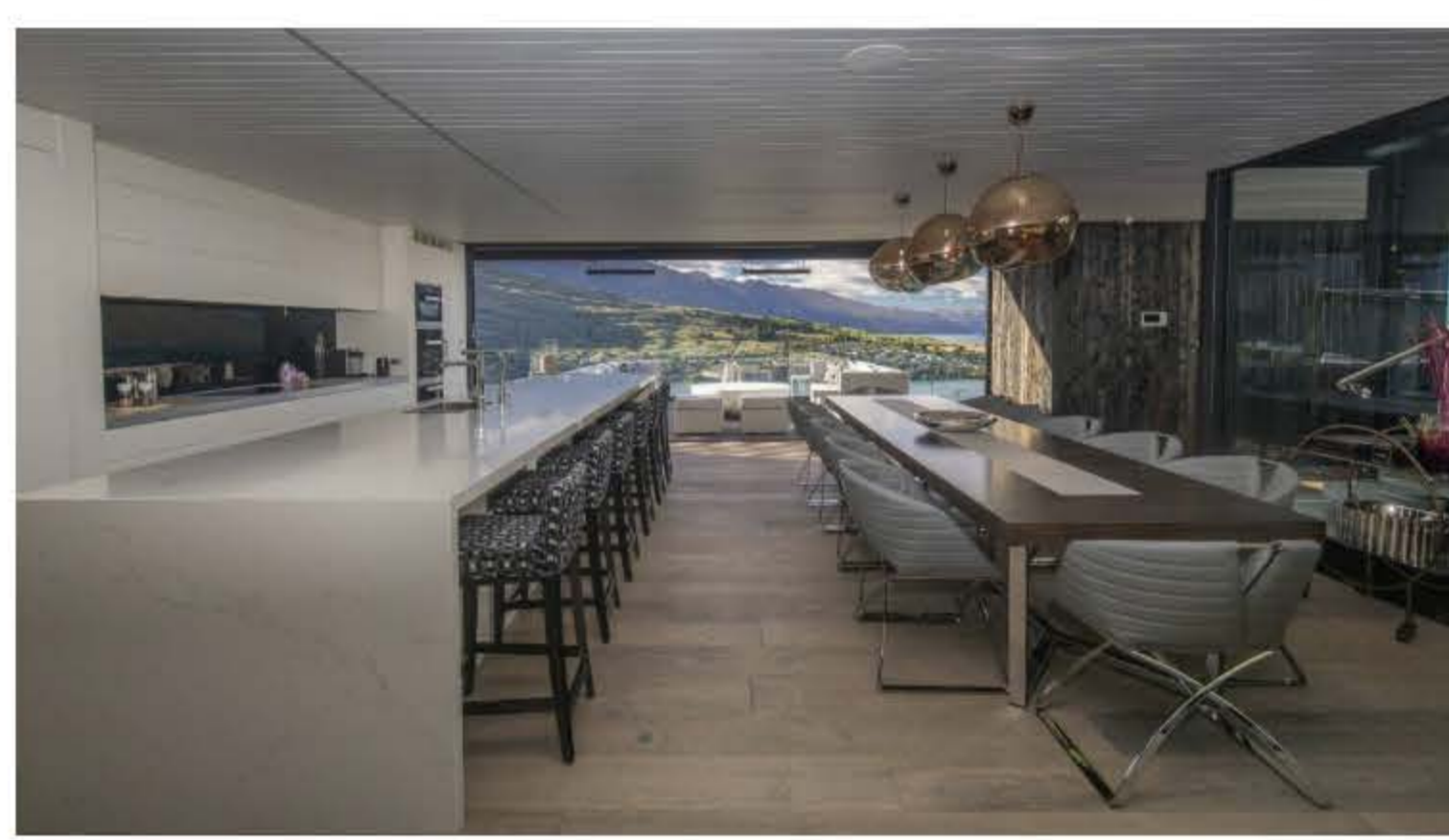
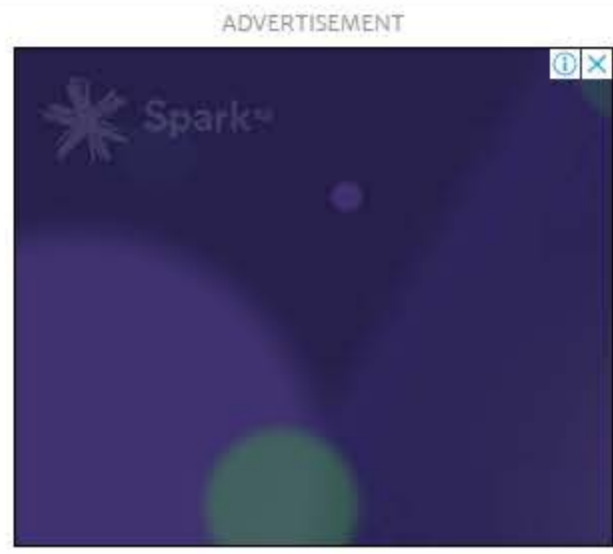


Cascata in Queenstown, by Gary Todd Architecture, won the TIDA New Zealand Architect New Home of the Year Award.

Todd says the design is based on biophilic architecture, so it has an especially close connection to nature, both indoors and out. Special features include a waterfall and pond in a rocky garden, with the water running through to the interior where there are entry ponds and a second waterfall.

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The four levels of the house are terraced, so the building appears to emerge from within the rock strata. The effect is enhanced by the see-through glass walls at front and back – 65 per cent of the house is glass.



The see-through house was designed to maximise the views in one direction and the sunlight in the other.

Todd says one of the key challenges was the restricted sunlight on the south-facing site. The space planning therefore maximises the views to the lake and mountains while pulling in sunlight from the rear.

TIDA judges said the contemporary residence is bold in form while its use of natural materials and colours allows it to merge effortlessly with its surroundings.

In July, the same house won the Window and Glass Association of NZ Award.



In July, the same Queenstown house won a major joinery award.

Darren O'Neil of O'Neil Architecture won the TIDA New Zealand Designer New Home of the Year, for a Christchurch home.

The large, modern family home sits on a semi-rural site with established weeping willows. O'Neil says the initial challenge was to design a home that retained these beautiful trees.

"The site was large enough for the house to be spread out, to fit around the trees, resulting in a timeless, layered design that complements the surrounding greenery."



This Christchurch house by O'Neil Architecture won the TIDA New Zealand Designer New Home of the Year Award.

Large overhangs balance out the dominant use of glass, providing shade and protection.

O'Neil says despite the expansive nature of the home, it still creates a sense of comfort and intimacy through carefully sized, open-plan, multi-use interior spaces and varied ceiling heights.

The TIDA judges noted how this elegant home is "perfectly designed to meet changing family needs as well as accommodating guests and entertaining".

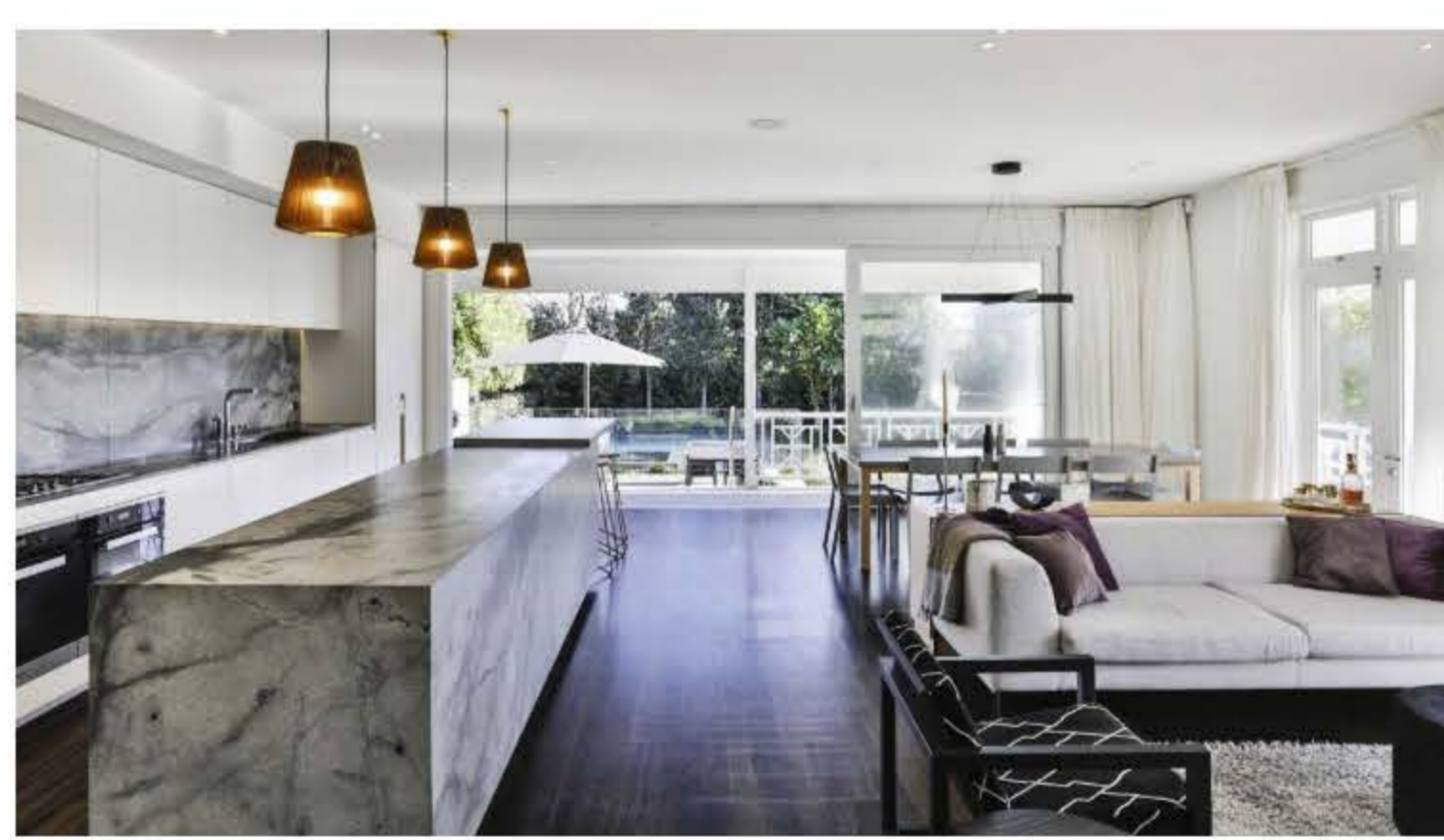


The TIDA New Zealand Architect Renovation of the Year Award went to Matt Brew Architect for this Devonport project.

Matt Brew of Matt Brew Architect won the TIDA New Zealand Architect Renovation of the Year with a project in Devonport, Auckland.

Brew says the house had previously been renovated in the 1980s and was badly in need of modernising.

"In particular, it needed opening up – existing living, dining and kitchen were all separate rooms, and it was poorly connected to the outdoors."



The Devonport villa has been extended and the interior opened up to provide a seamless link to a new outdoor living area.

The garage was internalised by excavating under the house. At the same time the garden was reclaimed and additional space created for a downstairs guest suite and study.

"The major change was to combine the kitchen, dining and living rooms into one space. This was opened up to a new entertaining deck, pool and space via a wall of sliding glass doors."

The judges described the result as a "successful transformation that retains a very traditional feel to the exterior, while the interior layout is that of a modern home".



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This project in Auckland required the replacement of a street full of historic homes.

McLeay says the layout of the existing house was partly reconfigured to incorporate a new master bedroom and ensuite, a walk-in wardrobe, new bathroom, sitting room and media room. The new addition contains living spaces, kitchen, scullery, dining and outdoor living.



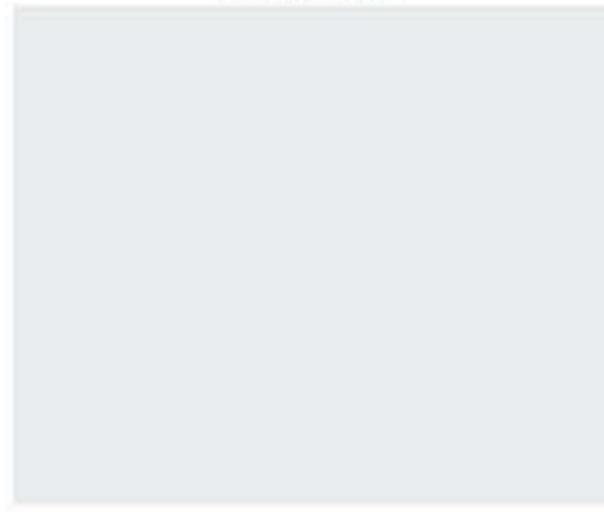
Cleerestory windows bring in extra light and allow glimpses of the tree canopy beyond.

The street facade has been faithfully restored, retaining the original character of the neighbourhood. But Creative Arch's approach to the addition behind it presents a dramatic contrast.

The TIDA judges said the resulting design successfully celebrates both the heritage and contemporary aspects of the project.

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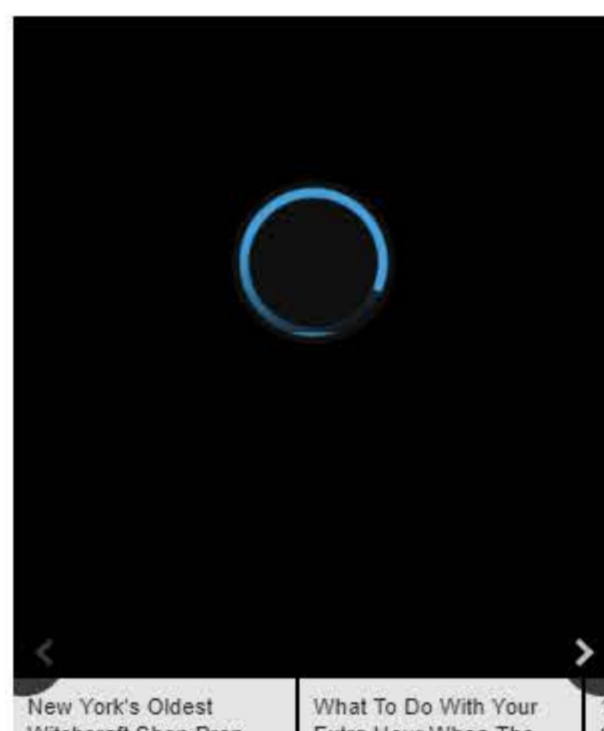
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