

## House in Ilam wins supreme Civic Trust award

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This home on Kirkwood Ave, Ilam, won the supreme award.

Bob Burnett Architecture

New builds and restorations around Christchurch have been recognised in the annual Civic Trust Awards.

Several projects caught the eye of the judges when the prizes - made for projects contributing to the city environment - were handed out last week.

The supreme award went to a new house in the suburb of Ilam. Also recognised were new Lincoln University buildings, a subdivision at the foot of Westmorland, and the restorations of the Municipal Chambers, a St Albans house, and the Governors Bay jetty.



John and Vickie Hearnshaw at their Ilam home.

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Ilam house supreme winner

The Ilam house was designed by Christchurch architect Shizuka Yasui and architectural designer Bob Burnett, and built on Kirkwood Ave for owners John and Vickie Hearnshaw.

It was inspired by the heritage arts and crafts style bungalow, Los Angeles, on Fendalton Rd, and by elements of Japanese architecture.

The judges congratulated the Hearnshaws on “achieving such an exceptional outcome”.

They said the award recognises the project’s design excellence, attention to sustainability, and concern for the environment.



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An aerial view of the winning home.

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Other winners

The judges said the award for the restoration of the Municipal Chambers, owned by the Christchurch City Council, “recognises the excellence in the restoration of a significant Christchurch landmark building”.

“Whilst it has been extensively upgraded for modern commercial use, careful attention has been paid to preserving historical architectural features both inside and out”.

Local development company Box 112 strengthened and restored the badly damaged building under a partnership arrangement with the council.



The Municipal Chambers building on Worcester Bld in central Christchurch has been restored.  
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The “ambitious” redevelopment included construction of two new buildings, TuhirakiAg Research, and science faculty Waimarie, between 2020 and 2023.



This St Albans homes was rescued from demolition by its new owners.  
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Meanwhile, owners Ben Calvin and Laurel Keir received an award recognising “commitment in the restoration of a distinctive St Albans character heritage house”.

The 1899 brick house, on Ranfurly St, was in as-is condition and facing demolition when Calvin and Keir bought it after the earthquakes.

The trust said the owners have created a “large and modern liveable space” while retaining the house’s “beautiful heritage features”.



Governors Bay jetty was restored by a local trust.

Alden Williams

The Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust won an award for saving the harbourside suburb’s old jetty, after the project proved too expensive for the city council.

The trust congratulated the community for its dedication and commitment to the jetty.

“Its continued presence is a reminder of the struggle with the harbour mudflat and determination of residents to retain sea access.”



The Bushland Park subdivision on Cashmere Rd was developed with sustainability in mind.

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The Bushland Park subdivision on Cashmere Rd near Westmorland received a commendation from the trust.

Ernst Frei, who developed the subdivision with Renate Frei, said they wanted to develop a sustainable and family friendly subdivision with energy-neutral healthy homes.

“(It is) a subdivision that encourages neighbourliness and thoughtful use of our limited land resources that results in an abundant green space,” he said.

The trust said it commended the enterprise “in initiating a unique family friendly urban housing sub-division that is energy neutral and located in an environment of wetland and native plants”.



Waimarie, the science faculty building at Lincoln University, is part of the campus redevelopment recognised by the Christchurch Civic Trust.

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Awards convenor Neil Roberts said they gave out only five awards and one commendation this year after receiving fewer entries.

Categories included making a positive change to the city environment, restoring or protecting a heritage site, and beneficial infrastructure projects.

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