



Joining Damian Percival at the ceremony to accept the House of the Year Award were wife Rekha (far right), house owners Jeremy and Emma Burn of Auckland (centre), and project architect Tim McCoy of McCoy & Heine Architects (far left).



Award-winning Hahei home



While wandering the Hahei beach area looking for the Wigmore burial cairn (see story p14) we stumbled upon this gorgeous beach front house and realised it was built by one of our advertisers, Damian Percival. We later discovered it had recently won an award and been featured in December's NZ House and Garden.

Anyone can call themselves a master in their trade, but in New Zealand, you have to deliver quality and sound business practices to become a member of the Registered Master Builders Association.

This association recently recognised Whitianga builder Damian Percival of Percival Construction with a gold award for their 2013 Regional House of the Year awards in the Nulook New Homes \$600,000 - \$1 million category.

"It was the first time we have entered a home into the competition," says Damian. "It's exciting to be recognised for outstanding workmanship. I am proud of the guys and all of the local sub-contractors we used on the project. This award reflects the quality and depth of people we have here on the Peninsula."

The original Hahei bach has been in the family for generations and is now owned by the three Flexman siblings, James, Andrew and Emma,

each married with children. It no longer fit the requirements of their growing families and more space was needed.

James said they began construction in January of 2012. Why choose Percival Construction?

"We had two key criteria", James explains. "Firstly, as this was an architecturally designed house and has been highly spec'ed – it was important to engage an experienced builder. Secondly, as we live in Auckland it was not possible to visit the site regularly, so it was crucial to us to engage someone who was a proven and experienced project manager. As an experienced project manager myself, I had set a high threshold."

The clients appreciated that Damian kept them informed of ongoing progress with onsite technology including emails and photos. "This is key when clients are absent and it facilitates decision making," said Damian.

The Flexman's project is a modern variation on the kiwi bach – stylish and striking. The modern home, which also won a regional architectural award, disturbs little of the natural grassy sandy landscape.

The large expanse of windows and glass doors not only slide open widely to admit the sea breezes, they reflect the sky and landscape. Modern overall lines are tempered with use of oiled cedar cladding and grass topped steps.

Since founding the company in 2009 Damian has been busy on a range of projects on the peninsula – from major alterations and additions to architecturally designed houses. He has also worked on complex high-end residential new builds and light commercial projects in both Auckland and England.

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