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Trans-Tasman Timber Design Awards

Burr ridge Read HOUSE


• DAVID BOYLE ARCHITECT •

The natural beauty of the surrounding Bouddi National Park inspired the Burr ridge Read Residence, which won the residential category in the inaugural Trans-Tasman Timber Design Awards late last year. Designed by Australian architect David Boyle, the project is crafted with extensive use of timber.

The timber-framed structure is twisted, stepped and stretched to the edges of the site. The house sits quietly within its forest environment, aided by its materiality: the timber cladding will weather, the use of random vertical cedar battens, railway sleepers within the driveway create bench seating and blackbutt features in the decking and handrail framing. Internally, a range of joinery complements the house's setting.

"The use of timber was critical to realising the house's initial design concept," says Boyle.

The judges noted a strong trend towards the use of wood in all sorts of design and construction, commenting, "While these awards celebrate top-end design and achievement, the use of wood in the wide range of applications is bringing new dimensions to the built environment in which we live, work and play."

Also of note are the finalists in the residential category: the Coromandel Beach House by Crosson Clarke Carnachan Architects and the Mountain Range House in Nelson by Irving Smith Jack Architects. 

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