

REGISTERED MASTER BUILDERS

# HOUSE OF THE YEAR 2017



## Multi Unit (Apartments/Duplexes/Terrace Housing) New Home Entry Guide



# Welcome to the 2017 Registered Master Builders House of the Year

The Registered Master Builders House of the Year is New Zealand's premium and most recognized awards programme. For 26 years, House of the Year has recognized quality homes built all over the country by quality builders – it sets the standard for residential construction excellence in New Zealand.

## Our sponsors



# Promote your Building Excellence



**We are delighted to be opening up this competition for the first time to the wider industry in 2017, and to offer you the opportunity to take part in this prestigious event.**

Our new Multi Unit (Apartments/Duplexes/Terrace Housing) New Home category is open to all construction companies (both Registered Master Builders Association members and non-members). This new category reflects the changing market and the types of homes that are now part of our landscape, and recognises the importance of building quality homes in this space.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to promote your business, increase your profile and celebrate the work and skill of your team. It is also your chance to measure your work and that of your team against the industry as a whole.

As a House of the Year entrant, you will benefit from a range of valuable promotional and marketing opportunities with the media, suppliers, specifiers, clients and potential clients.

Please read this entry guide carefully. It outlines what you need to know about entering House of the Year and how the

competition works. Should you have any further questions just give us a call – you can find contact details at the end of this guide.

These awards epitomize building excellence and we are very excited about this new category and seeing entries from across the construction industry. We are looking forward to seeing your amazing multi-unit projects which will make 2017 an outstanding competition. I wish you the best of luck.

**David Kelly**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Registered Master Builders Association**

## 2016 National Winners

“We will definitely be entering this competition again, as it has inspired us to keep striving for excellence in the building industry. These awards are the pinnacle in the building industry and to be recognized as the best of the best is a massive achievement.”

**Richard Davidson Builders**

“For our business it reinforces the quality of our work and shows our clients that our aim is to produce a high quality build whether it is a new home or alteration as we do it all.”

**Avenue Construction**

“Our team has lifted in both spirit and pride in their work. It has lifted our business and has been of positive benefit to us overall.”

**Waller Projects**

“There has been a great deal of interest since winning this award, and as a result of this we are hoping to secure several contracts in the New Year.”

**John S Macdonald Builders**

# The Category

## Multi Unit (Apartments/Duplexes/Terrace Housing) New Home

This new pan industry category is open to both Registered Master Builders Association (RMBA) member and non-member construction companies. It reflects RMBA's commitment to driving excellence across the building sector.

To be eligible to enter properties must:

- be a minimum of two dwellings that share an inter-tenancy wall, floor or ceiling and be defined by their external walls
- be fee simple or unit titled
- be not more than 3 levels or 12 metres high
- have been issued with a Code Compliance Certificate
- provide their own professional photography (as per the photography brief available from [www.houseoftheyear.co.nz](http://www.houseoftheyear.co.nz)).

Entries are defined by their external walls, so a block of units is eligible to enter.

“Walk-up” properties are also eligible (i.e. properties with no rooms/living areas at ground level).



### Note

- Entries in this category are not eligible for Supreme, Craftmanship or Lifestyle Awards.
- Owner's permission is required to enter a property.
- Anyone expelled from RMBA within the last 5 years is not eligible to enter.

# How We Judge Your Work

## Judging criteria

The judging criteria for this category will be available online from [www.houseoftheyear.co.nz](http://www.houseoftheyear.co.nz) on 9 January 2017 when entries open.

## Gold Reserve Finalists

Each year a maximum of 100 residential entries (from across the whole competition) receive Gold Reserve status. They are determined using the following process:

1. All of the Gold Award results throughout the country are pooled.
2. The top three Gold Award winners from each category are automatically selected. Should a category have fewer than three Gold Awards, then only these will go through.
3. The remaining places (to make up the 100) are given to the remaining highest scoring properties regardless of their category.
4. Results are announced at the National Awards held in Auckland in November.

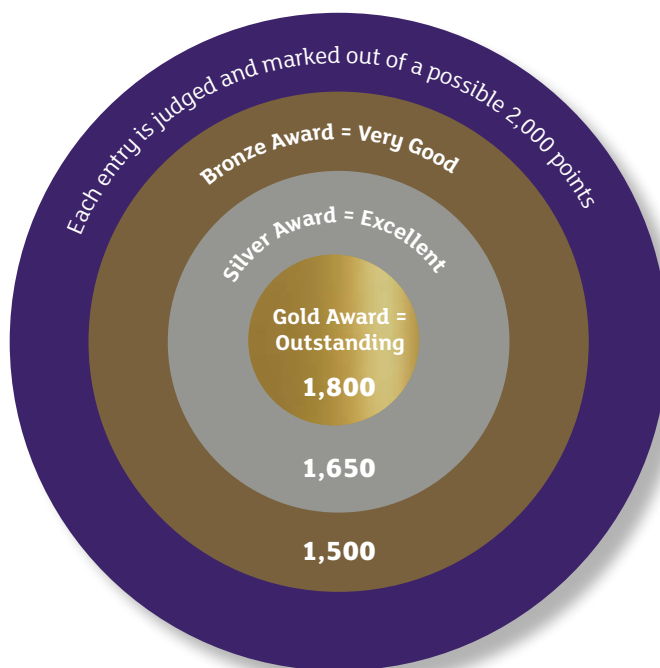
## Note

The highest points scored in each category (they must be a Gold Award recipient) shall be the Local Category winner. There is no limit on the number of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards given in each category.

As per the Terms and Conditions accepted at the time of entry, all entries are entered on the basis of progressing to the national competition. Entries will not be accepted for local competitions only.

The fee to continue in the competition is \$650+gst. This entitles you to the following:

- A return airfare to the National Gala Awards in Auckland in November, or we will reimburse you at the appropriate IRD rate (currently 72c/km) with the maximum amount being the equivalent of a return airfare for one person should you choose to drive.
- National Finalists who live outside of Auckland will be provided accommodation for the Saturday night, on the basis of **one classic room**, which includes breakfast for two.
- One complimentary ticket to the awards ceremony.



# Our Quality Marks

House of the Year quality marks are marks of distinction that are without a doubt the number one weapon in your marketing arsenal. They represent a tangible stamp of excellence recognised by both industry and consumers for building companies and their properties.

## Note

The use of Quality Marks is for use by the entrant only. They may not be distributed to third parties.



### Multi Unit

Awarded to an entrant who wins a local Multi Unit category.



### Bronze

Bronze Awards are awarded to builders whose entries achieve 75% of the points available and are judged to be at least 50% above industry standard.



### Silver

Silver Awards are awarded to builders whose entries achieve 82.5% of the points available and are judged to be at least 65% above industry standard.



### Gold

Gold Awards are awarded to builders whose entries achieve 90% of the points available and are judged to be at least 80% above industry standard.



### Gold Reserve

Each year up to 100 properties reach Gold Reserve status and go on to the National Finals.



### National Winner

Awarded to an entrant who wins the National Multi Unit Category title.

# Entry Information

## Key dates 2017

### Monday 9 January 2017

#### Entries open

Entries open online at [www.houseoftheyear.co.nz](http://www.houseoftheyear.co.nz).

For further information contact the National Events Manager – contact details are at the end of this guide.

### Monday 27 February 2017

#### Entries close

### March to July 2017

Regional judging takes place. All entrants will be advised of a time during this period for judges to visit the property. The scheduled time is non-negotiable, with changes only considered under extreme circumstances.

### July/August 2017

Local award dinners. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards, Category winners announced.

Regional magazines published.

### August/September 2017

National Gold Reserve Finalists announced.

### Saturday 18 November 2017

National Awards Gala held in Auckland.

## Photography

Entrants in this category must provide their own professional photography. A photography brief is available from [www.houseoftheyear.co.nz](http://www.houseoftheyear.co.nz).

These photos will be used in AV, publications, websites and media providing they meet the requirements for each.

All photography must be received before entries close on 27 February. Photos are to be sent to [bev.mckay@masterbuilder.org.nz](mailto:bev.mckay@masterbuilder.org.nz).

## Entry costs

### House of the Year entrant promotional package

- Entry fee.
- Full page promotion in regional magazine. The regional magazines are published nationally and distributed regionally.
- HOY display board.

#### Cost

\$2,100+gst per entry.

#### Discount Structure

- Second entry = \$1,860+gst
- Third entry = \$1,620+gst

#### Gold Reserve Finalists

If your entry achieves Gold Reserve status, the fee to continue in the competition is \$650+gst (see p3 for details).

## Other requirements

### Notice of Practical Completion

Entries must be complete before closing date of Monday 27 February 2017. The Notice of Practical Completion must also be received at this time. A Code Compliance Certificate must be received no later than **three weeks** prior to judging which begins in mid-April. If either of these are not received your entry may be withdrawn.

### Roof accessibility

Entries are required to include photographs of the roof if it cannot be seen clearly from the ground or from another vantage point by the judges.

### Representative at judging

All entrants **MUST** have the person in charge of controlling the site at the time of the build, present at the time of judging. Your entry could be at a significant disadvantage if your representative cannot answer technical questions put to them by the judges. **Should a representative fail to attend the scheduled judging your entry will be withdrawn.**

### Cancellation fees

Should an entry be withdrawn, any refund is based on how far along the process the entry is at the time of withdrawal. Any refund will be considered on a case by case basis.

### How to enter

Go to [www.houseoftheyear.co.nz](http://www.houseoftheyear.co.nz)

# Contact details

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