



POWELL LANE HOME WINS RANZ INSTALLATION AWARD

By Graham Hepburn

Taking on a challenging roofing job has come up trumps for roofer Trevor Mason, who has won the RANZ Professionalism in Metal Tile Roof Installation Award 2014. It was a first-time win for Trevor, of Rotorua-based Mason Roofing.

Trevor has a lot of experience with metal tiles but admits that builder Gwyn Powell, of Powell Developments, threw him a few curve balls with the design of a home in Waiiau Pa, South Auckland.



Gwyn was intent on entering the four-bedroom, two-bathroom home in his eight-section Powell Lane development in the Master Builders awards so he added in some "quite tricky" roof detailing in his design, which used Metrotile's 'Royal' profile metal tile.

"You could say he went out of his way to make it awkward for me," laughs Trevor, "but I'm glad he did it because it gives the home a bit of a wow factor, along with the way it was finished and with the landscaping."

He adds, "We would all like to do straight gables but no-one draws them that way these days."

In fact, Gwyn added "kick outs" to the gable ends as a design element. Trevor says the changing roof planes with four hips running into two hips then on into the ridge required precise detailing, as did the returns over the front entrance.

"With the entrance it was probably three tiles all up on those two different faces but by the time you had capped it, it took three quarters of an hour on each one but I didn't want to rush it and it came up really well in the end."

Des adds that while separating the entrants is tough, he and Stuart find the process rewarding.

"It is a nice change for us because as consultants we don't normally get invited to praise people's work so it is uplifting being involved in the awards."

Trevor, who has worked with metal roof tiles for years including Metrotile's 'Shake', 'Roman', 'Bond' and 'Classic' profiles, says it was the first time he had worked with the 'Royal' profile.



And the two RANZ judges - Stuart Thomson and Des Cowperthwaite - agreed.

Des says, "Trevor Mason's work was of the highest order - the accuracy of cutting, folding and bending was near-perfect. For example, the thing he has done really well is the roof over the front entry where there are all those returns, which are difficult to do and which he has detailed really well."

Des says the competition was very close though.

"In essence the problem that Stuart and I face now is that the entrants are of a very high standard so they are very difficult to separate, particularly the top two this year. In the end it got down to small matters of attention to detail, degrees of perfection you could say. It was also telling that the builder and the client were both singing Trevor's praises."

"There's a bit of a trick to it because a lot of tiles have right and left hand edges but with this one it only laps one way so it is a bit more involved."

Gwyn Powell says he has been using Metrotile's products for 15 years because of their looks and durability.

Having built up a solid reputation for lifestyle housing and developments, Gwyn believes in using proven materials and trusted techniques. Powell Developments have been involved in building houses and creating subdivisions for about 30 years.

They have developed lifestyle estates in the Franklin area such as Karaka Park, Village Fields, Church View Road (Stage 1) and are building further houses in the exclusive rural subdivision in Powell Lane, where sections are approximately 2500sqm.



He says metal tile has become his roofing of choice and he has built up a good relationship with Metrotile.

"We were the first to use Metrotile's 'Shake' design in Village Fields on our show home," he says. Just as he added interest and softened the home's lines with his roof design, Gwyn says the 'Royal' profile has a texture and character that sits well with the brick cladding of the home and the rural nature of the environment.

Gwyn also offers his congratulations to Trevor Mason and his team for a job well done.



About Metrotile 'Royal'
Featuring a textured finish in a shingle-type design, Metrotile's 'Royal' profile adds interesting dimensions and shadow lines to a roof combined with all the benefits of steel: exceptional weather and fire resistance, and long life. Metrotile 'Royal' textured-finish tiles are available in a choice of colours from deep charcoals to earthy browns and greens, and the blended tones of weathered

tiles. The tile profiles and roofing accessories are engineered to interlock and overlap to resist wind lifting and keep out the harsh elements. At less than 7kg/m², a Metrotile roof is a 'Lightweight Roofing System', so considerable cost savings can be achieved during construction.

All of Metrotile's roofing products are fabricated from Zinalume® protected steel. Metrotile's textured finish provides added protection by embedding natural stone granules in an acrylic base-coat. A final clear acrylic over-glaze is applied before being oven cured. This extremely durable UV-resistant coating enables Metrotile roofing products to withstand the harshest environments around the world. Metrotile is ISO 9001 accredited. International tests reports, appraisals and field results confirm the products are 100 per cent waterproof, earthquake safe, fire resistant and able to withstand hurricane-force winds of up to 190kph (120mph).

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