

# Homeowners' Guide



## About House of the Year

Master Builders House of the Year is New Zealand's leading awards programme for residential construction.

These awards are a fantastic opportunity for you to celebrate your beautiful home and support the work, skills and effort of your Master Builder and the relationship you have with them.

House of the Year epitomises building excellence, and we look forward to showcasing the outstanding homes built by Master Builders from around the country.

The competition is divided into two parts – the first is at a regional level, the second at a national level. Gold, Silver and Bronze Award winners are determined using a points-based judging system.

The regional award-winners are announced at regional events held throughout New Zealand during July and August.

The top regional Gold Award winners are announced and awarded National Top 100 status. They then progress through to the national awards.

The Top 100 national finalists are then re-judged. Should your builder be awarded Top 100, you will need to open your home again for a new set of judges.

The judges will then determine the National Category winners and the Supreme Houses of the Year and Supreme Renovation of the Year with the winners announced at the National Gala in November.

## Why you should enter your home



### Support your Master Builder

This awards programme is valued by builders and recognised by consumers, so this is a **fantastic way to support your builder and show appreciation** for the work that they have done.



### Pride

All of the awards, from Bronze right through to Supreme, are something to be proud of and **demonstrate the quality** of your home and **how it is built to the highest standard**.



### Selling your home

When it comes to selling your home, having a House of the Year quality mark can set you apart and demonstrates the quality of your home and the craftsmanship that went into it. To win a House of the Year award, your home must be well above industry standard which is a great selling point for potential buyers.

## What does entering mean for you?

- » You will need to open your home for judging. This can take up to two hours but you don't need to be there, as your builder will be there.
- » We need to take photos of your home. This is usually done at the same time as judging (where possible) and we use a professional photographer.
- » Pictures of your home may be used for media, social media and in other marketing and promotional activities.
- » The digital images of your home will be available to you.



## Key dates

Jan –  
Feb

Entries Open

Apr –  
Jul

Regional judging undertaken  
by nationally selected judges

Jul –  
Aug

Regional Awards Gala Dinners

Aug

National Top 100 finalists announced

Sep –  
Oct

National Top 100 judging takes place

Nov

National Awards Gala Dinner

## Protecting your privacy

The competition is designed to protect your privacy. We do not publish street addresses or show letterbox numbers on any media or marketing. To identify the house we simply use the suburb/region ensuring your privacy is maintained.

This competition is all about profiling and promoting your Master Builder. As such we do not require you or your family to participate in any form of publicity if you do not wish to. You choose the privacy level you would like to retain during the competition.

We only require access to your home for judging and photography.

All photos taken will be uploaded onto the House of the Year website and the House of the Year magazine. Your builder will receive a copy of these photos which they can provide to you.

## For FAQs and more information:



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