

THE JUDGING PANEL



ALICE LINES

Alice Lines is the editor of *homestyle*, New Zealand’s new favourite shelter title. Drawing from a multi-faceted background, Alice was first formally educated in visual communications, and then worked through the publishing ranks as an art director and stylist. Her passion for design includes championing the local industry and supporting emerging talent across all creative fields. Alice also works in a consultancy capacity on spatial projects – her focus on this front is creating environments informed by the way people live at home.



CHRIS TATE

Chris Tate is an unqualified success, literally. He’s a self-taught architect who veered away from being a slightly dissatisfied social worker to become an avant-garde architect on little more than a whim. His flair for design ignited a passion in Chris; to design unique, one-off, remarkable, ultra-modernist, brutally simple, form over function dwellings. Many of his projects have been featured in international magazines and wowed crowds across the globe. In 2015, Chris produced yet another high-profile project dubbed ‘The Tent House’ that caught the world’s attention again, propelling his career offshore to Los Angeles. Now, Chris is ready to paint his remarkable vision on a bigger, more bountiful canvas.



DAMIAN HANNAH

Damian Hannah grew up in a kitchen design family, and designed his first kitchen when he was just 15 years old. Since then, Damian has gone on to win over 20 National and International Design Awards including most recently a German Design Award, which he received at the prestigious ceremony in Frankfurt this year. Damian currently manages German Kitchens Limited, based in Wellington, and specialises in using German manufacturers for his client’s bespoke kitchens. Damian has been awarded the highest Kitchen Qualification in New Zealand, the Diploma in Kitchen Design. He recently branched into Interior Architecture and has designed the amazing *Unserhaus* showroom for Gaggenau, Neff and Bosch in Auckland which has also just been nominated for a German Design Award for 2020.



LEONIE METGE

Leonie Metge believes in taking innovative design steps beyond the visual. Perfecting her craft for more than 20 years, Leonie has researched, designed and implemented hundreds of kitchens, bathrooms and life-spaces. Her work has been recognised at the highest level with industry-leading NKBA. She was the chairperson for the Auckland chapter, and a member of the Certified Design Society. Collaborating with clients, architects, interior designers, and high-end building companies, Leonie brings a refreshingly honest and energetic approach to every project. As a life-long learner, she leads the team with a thirst for new trends and a mantra of “it’s all about the hidden details”.



NATALIE DU BOIS

Natalie Du Bois is one of New Zealand’s most prolific and respected designers. Since winning her first design award in 2000 for best young kitchen designer, Natalie has gone on to be awarded more than thirty national and international design awards. Du Bois qualified as an interior designer in Cape Town, South Africa, and worked for several leading interior and kitchen design studios in South Africa and England, before settling in New Zealand. Twelve years ago she founded Du Bois Design. Her work is regularly featured in many of the country’s top interior and design publications and hardback books, and has often been displayed on the cover. She is a member of the National Kitchens and Bathrooms Association and Certified Designers Society in New Zealand and was a member of the Auckland Chapter Committee for five years.



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