



Photographer: Craig Bates

MOUNTAIN HOUSE, HAWERA

The name “Mountain House” evokes an image of a rugged dwelling built high on the mountainside. In contrast, the project name for this NZIA Resene Local Award winning house was aptly derived from the home’s relationship to the landscape vista that it frames.

Auckland, January 5th 2009 – Positioned on an almost flat, exposed, south Taranaki site, each room in this north facing home is designed to capture views of Mt. Taranaki.

“One of the key advantages we experienced from using ArchiCAD on this project was our ability to clearly communicate to the client the form of the building and its spatial implications,” says Mark Southcombe of Wellington based Void Ltd.

“Using ArchiCAD, we found the straightforward nature of this process to be highly beneficial, as no significant design changes resulted, from concept through to completion,” continues Mark:
“Another clear benefit derived from using ArchiCAD on this project was our ability to determine overhangs. With ArchiCAD’s Sun Studies tool, we were easily able to determine optimum results for this building on the exposed north facing site”

About Void Ltd

Void is a multi-disciplinary studio based in Wellington.

Formed in 2008 from the amalgamation of Praxis Ltd & two latitudes Ltd, Void are a team of contemporary architects whose goal is to create responsive environments with positive active effects.

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1 Alan Kay. Inventor of Smalltalk - the inspiration behind windowing-based computer systems.

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