

# Two Wanaka homes in running for award

Two Wanaka homes have been nominated as finalists in the 2015 New Zealand Architecture Awards.

The Pinfold home, a rammed earth house, was designed by Justin and Louise Wright of Arrowtown firm Assembly Architecture.

It was built by Jimmy Cotter, of Lake Hawea, and Andrew Wavish, of Wanaka, and completed in 2014.

Louise Wright said the nomination was exciting. The house was a finalist in the 2015 Home of the Year Awards and had also been written about in Air New

Zealand's *Kia Ora* inflight magazine. A family home at Emerald Bluffs, designed by Auckland's Richard Naish, of RTA Studio, was completed about two and a half years ago by Wanaka builder Tony Quirke.

It won a New Zealand Institute of Architects award for the southern region in 2013 and is one of two award-winning RTA Studio designs for Emerald Bluffs which have been the subject of several reviews and articles. The other house, known as the C3 home, has won an international award for unbuilt houses.

Naish welcomed the nomination as "very good news". He was the convener of last year's awards jury, which prevented him from putting it forward last year, he said.

The New Zealand Institute of Architects announced 46 finalists.

Jury convener Pete Bossley, of Auckland, said the range and quality on the shortlist was "impressive and inspiring".

The jury of five architects will visit the shortlisted projects this month before announcing the winners on October 30 at a function at Te Papa.