

## PETERSHAM

# Couples' 'adventurous' design scoops prize

## Judges praise the home's modern addition

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FEDERATION homes in Petersham are part of the suburb's history and Kate Pennington and Warrick Goldsmith's property is no exception.

An "adventurous" addition to their home was this month acknowledged as the Marrickville Medal conservation winner, a historic award considering it could quite possibly be the last in light of the recent council amalgamation.

The addition, designed by Newtown architect Chris Polly, was one of three designs put in front of the couple when they were looking to accommodate their three children.

Mr Goldsmith said the design brief was to make the space as practical as possible while adding an extra bedroom and bathroom.

"We wanted to have a place with four bedrooms, a study and two bathrooms," he said.

"Over and above that, we wanted a house with a nice design, in the same vein as (the Mr Polly-designed Elliott Ripper House in Rozelle) we saw in the paper.

"We thought if we're going to stay here long term, we want something with a bit of 'wow factor'."

Ms Pennington said they went with the "most adventurous" of the three options.

The couple bought the house in 2007. Construction

on the addition started in July 2014 and was completed last October.

Mr Polly said he was chuffed with the medal.

According to judges: "A highlight of the property is how the modern addition is visible subtly at first, then revealed more dramatically at the intersection of the old with the new".

Other winners on the night included a house in Marrickville which received the inaugural sustainable building award.

Geoff Harvey won the open category of the Marrickville urban photography competition, Marco Cucuzza took out the secondary division and Evan Dominic the primary division.



Chris Polly (left), Warrick Goldsmith and Kate Pennington at the Petersham home. Picture: Carly Earl