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Project Name: Crayon House

Practice Name: Grieve Gillet Andersen

Award Name: The John S Chappel Award for Residential Architecture – Houses (New)

The architect's presentation to the jury identified a playful project with an innocent narrative and a clear intent and was the best presentation on the day. Importantly it left the jury excited and impatient to visit the site.

As one approaches this house a simple and well-proportioned timber façade welcomes you, and what strikes you after seeing photos is how well the house is nestled into the street and what a wonderful contribution to the street the architecture offers.

With no front fence, a thoughtful yet simple landscape entices you to the front door via a ramping timber walkway past a variety of expertly considered materials and textures.

A simple, generous and beautifully detailed interior, filters and flows to a similarly generous and well detailed exterior where it's easy to imagine young children playing or families gathering for a meal.

A second structure on the site assists in enclosing the landscaped courtyard and although the project was designed to a constrained and limited budget the architects have delivered wonderful value for money by providing a separate studio, bike shed or guest house, depending on how the family grows and develops.

Colour and materiality are expertly crafted to create a comfortable and beautiful home for this young urban family.