



## Shaun takes out Metal Tile Award

Call him a perfectionist when it comes to installing metal tiles and Shaun Cooke will be happy to accept the accolade. Shaun won this year's RANZ Professionalism in Metal Tile Roof Installation Award, sponsored by Metrotile, his entry based on a roof for an Urban Residential Developments Serrano showhome on the Eton Estate, Hamilton.

Shaun attributes his close attention to detail and professional approach to being taught early on by his father-in-law. For some years he was a labour-only contractor but formed his own supply and install company, Cooke Roofing Ltd in 2005, becoming a RANZ member in March 2011.

"From the outset I was taught the right way to install metal tiles so I never had the chance to get into bad habits and I pass this approach on to all my employees", says Shaun who has been installing for 16 years.

"I expect nothing but quality roofing from them".

Award judges, RANZ life members Stuart Thomson and Des Cowperthwaite, spoke highly of the quality of the Metrotile Shake Charcoal roof installed by Cooke Roofing and found Shaun's commitment to excellence to be uncompromising. The installation of tiles, valleys, ridges and flashings were of an exceptionally high



Shaun with judges Des Cowperthwaite (left) and Stuart Thomson (far right) and Gary McNamara, Metrotile's Marketing and Business Development Manager.

standard, they said and the professionalism of this company would deliver rewards long term such as repeat business, prompt payment, no come backs, reduced long term risk, continuity of work and better prices.

While achieving a more than satisfactory result on the Serrano showhome, Shaun said it was one of the most demanding jobs he has been involved with and "at times we struggled to get there" he says. Despite close supervision of his workers (three on wages and two self employed contractor gangs work for the company), there were some minor imperfections that he needed to rectify to satisfy his client.

"My attitude has always been that I want the roof installation to be as good as what I would want on my own house", says

Shaun "so I don't want to be going back because of leaks or any other issues". Do it once – do it right is his motto.

Shaun's wife Catherine who runs the administrative arm of the business is a joint director of Cooke Roofing Ltd which is predominantly doing metal tile roofs on new homes in Hamilton, and the greater Waikato area.

Shaun and Catherine's prize for the award is a trip to the Gold Coast worth \$1500, courtesy of Metrotile. 

**Footnote:** The judges shared the opinion that a roof in Clevedon, installed by Rangi Mathews of Monier Bricks & Roofing, was also of a very high standard and was a worthy runner-up for this year's RANZ Professionalism in Metal Tile Roof Installation Award.