

# Designers earn judges' praises

TWO local projects by Port Macquarie building design group Collins W Collins have won the company accolades in the NSW Building Designers Association awards.

"Collins W Collins has shown great versatility in winning two distinctly different awards," said a spokesman for the association.

The design duo of James and Derek Collins each won one accolade – James for his entry in the residential alterations and additions over \$125,000 category and Derek for his entry in the best commercial interior.

"The residential alterations and additions category is always hotly contested and the judges were very impressed with the transformation that occurred with the older-style brick and tile residence that was entered by James," the spokesman said.

"The design response was an excellent reply to the requirements given by the client turning their house into a contemporary, tri-level home for a modern family of the 21st century," he added.



□ **What once was old:** The transformation of this home (above and below) from traditional brick and tile caught the attention of judges in the NSW Building Design awards.

Derek, who gained a commendation, was recognised for his work with the Settlement City amenities area.

He narrowly missed winning the category outright but judges wanted to reward his efforts as they were impressed by the designer's use of colour and form.

The awards were



announced at the Newcastle City Hall on Saturday night to coincide with the association's 14th annual conference.