

DESIGNER IS TOPS IN AWARD STAKES, Written by Francoise Botha (1995)

Raymond Smith recently won the Gold Award for his Cobra Watertech exhibit at the Design for Living exhibition. This tops Raymond's Silver Award for the same client at last year's exhibition. His entry follows a winning pattern which was established during his student days at the Cape Technikon .

In 1987, a competition was run inviting interior design students to submit ideas for an exhibition stand for that year's Design for Living. He won the competition, and went on to win the award for best stand. Since then he has won several major design awards, including the Leisure Living Award, which he won twice, and the SARODA Congress Award.

Apart from his national higher diploma in interior design, Raymond has studied extensively, including a year in Zimbabwe doing Shona sculpture and a year at the Cite Internationale des Arts in Paris.

He is a sculptor at heart and reveres the work of Henry Moore. "As a designer, I believe in designing for 'the big idea'," he said.