



Holiday hot spot

Residential access to one of the country's significant thermal destinations is providing families with a singular take on the New Zealand experience

Above and right: Outdoor pursuits are the focus for this holiday home, designed by Turner Road Architecture. Given the home's sensitive location, natural materials play a large role in its construction. Interior designer Trace Beaumont-Orr specified Bestwood Ply in beech for the wall lining as it also offers a durable, low-maintenance finish that is well suited to holiday homes.

New Zealand's reputation as a thermal wonderland is global, however access to these volcanic areas is usually strictly monitored.

The active thermal site Orakei Korako, north of Taupo, offers a new experience with a mixed-use development.

The featured property, by Cambridge-based Turner Road Architecture, is the first to be completed in the residential



section. Because of the site, stringent guidelines regulated both the design and materials used in construction.

The owners of this home wanted the interior finished in low-maintenance and durable natural materials – so interior designer Trace Beaumont-Orr of Decor Design specified Bestwood Ply in beech.

Butyl in-seal strips were used to create negative detail,

adding further interest.

Yellowfox designed the galley kitchen, incorporating a Quarella Beige Dresda benchtop from Tile Warehouse and Bestwood Melamine Arctic White cabinetry to contrast the ply. Polyflor Expona vinyl wood plank flooring, from James Halstead, also features.

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Top: Designed by Yellowfox, the kitchen is a lustrous counterpoint to the beech ply.

Above left: Chosen for its finish, the ply complements the natural setting and makes a refined statement in the master bedroom.

Above: In the children's bedroom, soft furnishings by Decor Design pick up the colour of the ply, which also offers extra impact resistance to absorb knocks.