



Back to the Future

THE CASE STUDY

PROJECT DETAILS

Location
Richmond, Nelson

Project Type
New home build

Architectural Designer
Karsten Architecture

Builder
Stonewood Homes

FEATURED PRODUCTS

- Oblique™ Weatherboard
200mm and 300mm

With arresting good looks and a harmonious connection to the landscape, this Mid-Century Modern home is optimised for playing, relaxing and socialising.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Brent and Tara Stewart had a clear vision for their dream home: a Mid-Century Modern contemporary design that would stand the test of time, while providing a welcoming space for their growing family.

Central to achieving this vision was their choice of James Hardie's Oblique™ Weatherboard - a cladding material that not only delivers striking aesthetics but also offers durability and flexibility.

Having built before, the Stewarts knew the importance of choosing materials that could handle challenging environmental conditions while maintaining their aesthetic

edge. Hardie™ fibre cement cladding was a non-negotiable choice, as its resistant to fire, rot resistant and resistant to moisture damage – It's also engineered to stand up to harsh environments - factors that are crucial for a coastal setting.

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Set on a hill with panoramic views, Brent and Tara's home combines bold geometry with fluid indoor-outdoor flow. They chose vertical installation of Oblique™ Weatherboard in 200mm and 300mm profiles to achieve Mid-Century Modern's signature simplicity, asymmetry and compatibility with nature. The façade has striking depth and texture, enhanced by Resene Porter's deep, moody finish, which contrasts with the landscape for maximum eye appeal.

Inside, the home is designed to amplify natural light, with large windows capturing sea views while reinforcing the connection to the outdoors. The wraparound deck and alfresco spaces extend the living areas,

OBLIQUE™ WEATHERBOARD

Oblique™ Weatherboard is a ship-lapped weatherboard with a splayed edge. Available in two profiles, it can be used in both horizontal and vertical applications, enabling a variety of designs and styles.



featuring a swimming pool, an outdoor oven, and a fire pit - a favourite spot for gathering with family and friends.

“We loved creating the perfect home that’s designed for our family – our children and our future grandchildren. It has the ability to meet all our needs long into the future.”

While the project took longer than expected, due to geotech issues, the results speak for themselves. Now, as they sit on their sheltered deck, enjoying the home they meticulously planned, there’s only one thing Tara would change.

“Our only regret is that we didn’t build it sooner!” she concludes.



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