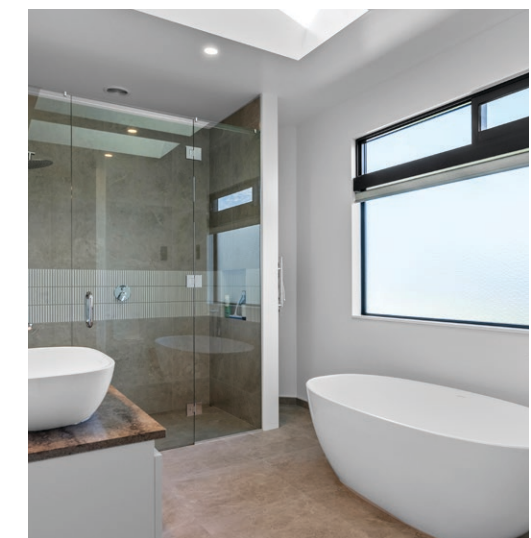
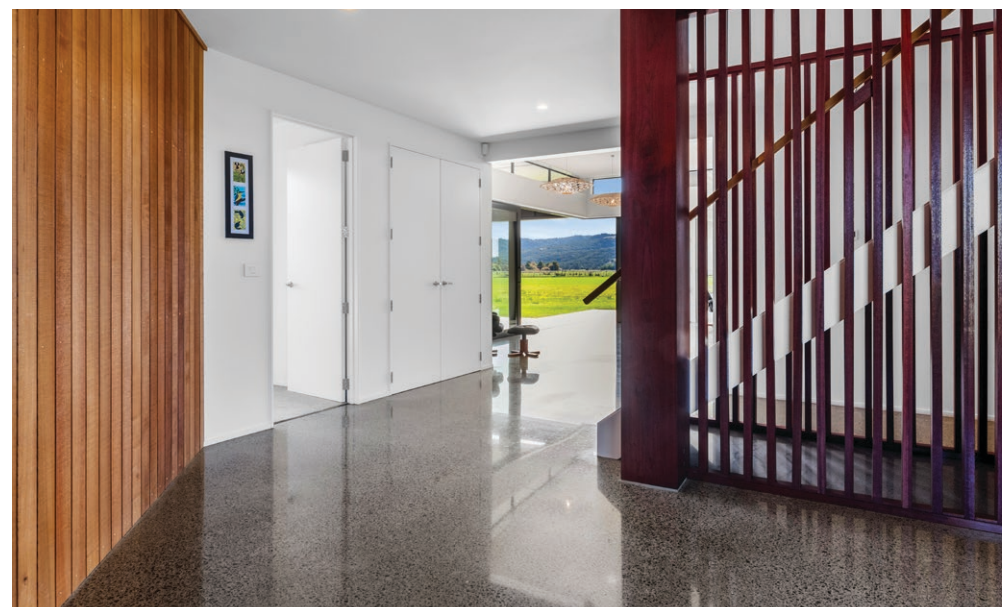




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## WHITIANGA

# Pilot project

Here's a supermodel home that's runway-ready. The house, clad in tight-knot cedar and metal, has its own hangar-garage and is mere metres away from Whitianga's airfield. Three of the six section boundaries allow access and views to the runway and surrounding hills. It's the ultimate home for pilot and plane.

The unusual shape of the section steered the design of the three-level, three-bedroom house. On the absolute ground floor is the hangar with plywood walls, concrete floor and plenty of parking for cars as well as aircraft.

Take a step or two up and you're in the living area with polished-concrete floors, cedar walls, tiles, clerestory windows, open decking and

a stunning outdoor room. You'll also find the laundry, den, powder room, storage kitchen and the main bedroom with ensuite. In the pale-toned kitchen, the shades-of-blue tiles pop. A trio of striking pendant lights floats above the island. Off the entry, with its vertical cedar feature wall, a timber staircase leads to two upstairs bedrooms and a tiled bathroom. At 393sqm, this home is spacious (but that footprint includes the hangar). Even so, the pared-back aesthetic and glass in the rest of the house results in a light, airy vibe.

It's warm and sustainable, too. There's a wood fire, underground rainwater tanks and the under-floor heating has timers for different zones. For more of this house go to [houseoftheyear.co.nz](http://houseoftheyear.co.nz)

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