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Everything worked on this project – including the owner

Working closely with the client” takes on new meaning when the client is also the plumber and keen to be involved in every aspect, from ideas, through design and on to construction and finishing. When he wasn’t neck deep in other people’s pipes, the client enjoyed spending time with family and friends and wanted to create an inviting space for kids and adults, with lots of sheltered, outdoor-entertaining space.

A cedar front door framed by Fijian

kauri admits guests to the four-bedroom rural retreat, which is clad in black-stained bandsawn weatherboard that is both striking and sophisticated. An indoor wood fire and underfloor heating provide warmth when needed and sliding and bi-fold doors help to cool things quickly during summer.

Open shelving in the scullery that adjoins the kitchen makes finding ingredients a breeze. The bamboo floors and glass splashbacks in all food prep areas were chosen for their durability and easy cleaning, and

there is copious storage for a growing family’s groceries! The design of the kitchen includes separate containers for the recycling of kitchen waste. And the bathrooms are perfection, with practical geometric spaces and hard-wearing finishes that ease the transition from farm work outdoors to relaxation indoors.

“This was a trusting, simple, hassle-free building experience for our clients” says Urbo Homes. “The joint collaboration meant our advice could be both meaningful and practical.” ●



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