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## *Waihi bach*

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 Resene Wishlist

Situated across the road from the beachfront at Waihi beach this bach captures the essence of a family holiday at the beach. The new two storey bach replaces a small single storey concrete block structure that had been in the family for the last twenty five years. The bach is designed in the tradition of the classic 'dune hopper' with simple mono-pitch roofs, raking wing walls and an upper deck peering over the sand dunes to capture sea views. A modest budget dictated the use of cost effective materials, efficient space planning and industry standard construction methods.

Internally the bach contains four double bedrooms, two bathrooms and two living areas. Externally four different outdoor living spaces provide varying

levels of protection and enclosure. The front deck opens to the street and serves as an informal entry while a smaller north facing deck tucked behind a wing wall offers a sunny retreat. At the rear a covered deck captures the afternoon sun and provides protection from sea breezes. The bach is rotated on the site to capture the coastal vistas stretching down the coast to Mt Maunganui.

The exterior is broken into a collection of individual elements, inspired by the vernacular 50s-60s style bach. The upper 'dune hopper' form rests on a stack bonded concrete brick wing wall to establish and emphasise the threshold between the street and private spaces beyond. It was important that the colour be employed to complement

the blockwork while adding vibrancy. Randomly placed centre battens adorn the plywood cladding to texturise and highlight the significant use of colour. The playful exterior paintwork of **Resene Lumbersider** in hues of **Resene Undercover**, **Resene Avocado** and **Resene Gravel** with soffits in **Resene Rice Cake** perfectly fits with the coastal environment.

This cost effective project successfully captures the sea views that have awaited the owners for the last twenty five years and will reward future generations with holidays in a comfortable, relaxed environment.

Relax... it is holiday time.