



THE CASE STUDY

PROJECT DETAILS

Location
Koitiata, Manawātū

Project Type
New Build

Architect
Ross Bennett, Sketch Project Architectural

Builder
Hardy Construction

FEATURED PRODUCTS

- Oblique™ Weatherboard
- Hardie™ Groove Lining

This striking coastal retreat on Manawātū's black-sand shore combines barn-inspired architecture with a carefully chosen suite of durable Hardie™ fibre cement products.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Koitiata sits on the western edge of the North Island, where the Manawātū coast meets wind, salt and relentless weather. It's a landscape of dark sand, coastal pines and big skies – dramatic and beautiful, but unforgiving on a building. When Daniel and Nicola decided to replace an old bach on their Koitiata section, they knew the new home would need to be both tough and boldly attractive.

Architect Ross Bennett of Sketch Project Architectural drew on the proportions of rural barn architecture to shape a home

with real presence – a steep-pitched roofline that reads confidently against the open coastal sky. From every angle this beachside home is a masterclass in minimalist coastal design.

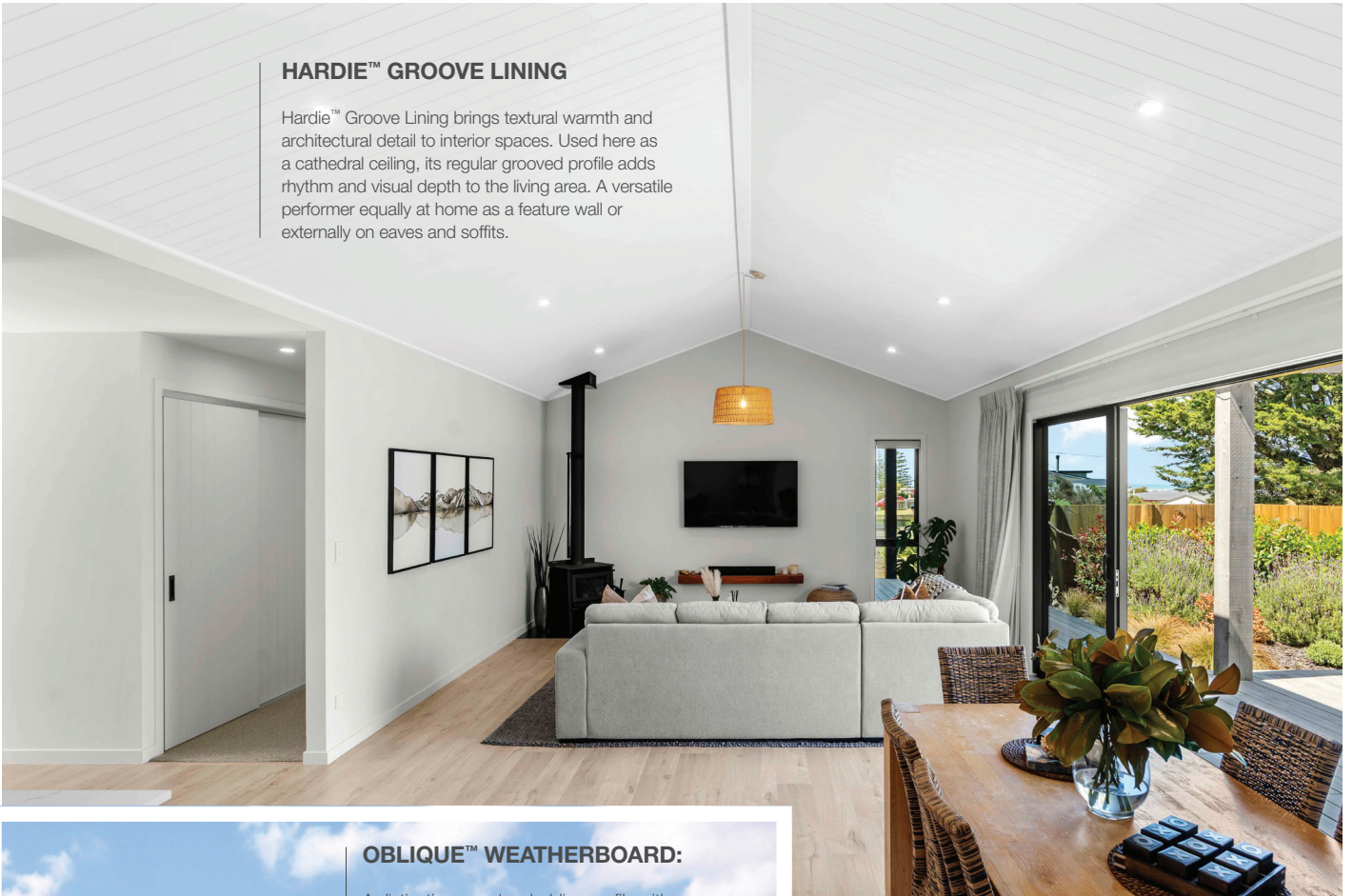
For the exterior cladding, the couple chose Oblique™ Weatherboard, painted in Resene® Colorsteel® FlaxPod® – a deep, moody tone that anchors the home in its surroundings while standing up to the salt-laden air and driving winds of the coast. The profile's contemporary character suits the barn-inspired form, giving the home a look that feels both of its place and built for the long term.

Inside, Hardie™ Groove Lining takes centre stage overhead. The cathedral ceiling – painted in Resene® Half Black White draws the eye upward and fills the open-plan living space with a quiet grandeur. It's a material choice that does double duty: delivering the visual warmth of a lined timber ceiling, while bringing the durability and stability that a coastal environment demands.

The home is designed to be lived in fully. Large stacker doors open directly to the

HARDIE™ GROOVE LINING

Hardie™ Groove Lining brings textural warmth and architectural detail to interior spaces. Used here as a cathedral ceiling, its regular grooved profile adds rhythm and visual depth to the living area. A versatile performer equally at home as a feature wall or externally on eaves and soffits.



OBLIQUE™ WEATHERBOARD:

A distinctive, angular cladding profile with a bold shadow line, Oblique™ Weatherboard's contemporary profile suits a wide range of architectural styles and can be painted a large variety of colours, including the darker shades.



landscape and the east-facing deck is a morning sun-trap, complete with an outdoor shower. On the west side, a log fire, pizza oven and macrocarpa pergola create a sheltered space for evenings. Sun or storm, there's always somewhere to be outside.

"Longevity was our number one priority," says Daniel. "We chose Oblique™ Weatherboard and Hardie™ Groove Lining because they are designed to last in harsh environments, including coastal conditions."

On a coast that tests every material it touches, that confidence is well founded. This modern interpretation of a barn is proof that the right products can build a home that holds its own against the elements and looks immaculate doing it.