



# THE *Dairy Flat* Award Winner

## CASE STUDY

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### Location

Dairy Flat, Rodney,  
Auckland

### Project Type

Residential

### Client / Architect

Aesthetic Design

### Builder

Ben Cashmore,  
Cashmore Contractors

### FEATURED PRODUCTS

- Axon™ Panel
- HardieSoffit™ Lining
- Tile & Slate Underlay

Dairy Flat home wins at House of The Year Awards with James Hardie Axon Panel.

Winner of the Gold and Gold Reserve Award at the Master Builders House of The Year Awards, this stunning four bedroom, three bathroom residence in Dairy Flat, north of Auckland, exudes opulence. Through clever design and building material choices, Aesthetic Design has achieved excellent indoor-outdoor flow and smooth transitions between spaces.

The contemporary H-shaped dwelling is smartly arranged on a 425 m<sup>2</sup> footprint, providing both privacy and space to socialise, with a sheltered outdoor area protected from the elements.

The legs of the H shape are clad in warm cedar shiplap, which will grey to a rustic silver colour over time. The cedar contrasts beautifully with Axon Panel fixed vertically to the centre sections and garage, and painted black.

Aesthetic's design brief was to use materials that were cohesive and contextually relevant. Axon

Panel allowed them to achieve a harmonious design and distinctive, modern look, in keeping with the ethos of the rest of the house.

Axon Panel has a similar profile and grooves to traditional vertical shiplap weatherboards and other timber alternatives, with the added benefits of premium fibre cement. Classified as a lightweight cladding, Axon Panel is a fast and effective way to cover a home's exterior.

Ben Cashmore, owner of Cashmore Contractors, says it was an obvious choice for the build. "There is no alternative product in New Zealand that has the same spread as Axon. It works really well in expansive, contemporary spaces like this home."

Cashmore says selecting HardieSoffit Lining for the soffits and eaves was also a "no brainer" – he does not use any other product. The flat sheets are manufactured from robust fibre cement and are specifically designed for the narrow soffit around the perimeter of the house. The sheets have an un-sanded finish, allowing them to use a coating that ties in beautifully with the marble walkway flowing into the heart of the home.





## HARDIESOFFIT™ LINING

Are made from 4.5mm thick fibre cement, and are specifically manufactured for the narrow soffit around the perimeter of the house or building. The sheets have an un-sanded finish suitable for semi-gloss acrylics, lightly textured semi-gloss or high-gloss coatings



## AXON™ PANEL

The vertical lines of Axon Panel complement classic and modern building designs to create stand out facades.

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Tile & Slate Underlay by James Hardie was also installed under the American hardwood oak floor in the open plan kitchen and living room to raise the level and provide a seamless junction with the marble tiles. The Tile & Slate Underlay is a hard wearing product perfect for these

heavy use areas. It's also designed to protect the finished floor from movement that occurs naturally in wood based flooring products.

For further details and design inspiration visit [jameshardie.co.nz](http://jameshardie.co.nz) or [cashmorecontractors.co.nz](http://cashmorecontractors.co.nz).