

Tops in Taupo



THE CASE STUDY

PROJECT DETAILS

Location
Taupo

Project Type
New home build

Architectural Designer
AZero Essential Architecture

Builder
Generation Homes

FEATURED PRODUCTS

- Stria™ Cladding

Designed for modern living, this stylish sanctuary pairs traditional and modern architectural elements with sleek, low-maintenance materials.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Heather Young's modern farmhouse in Taupō is a tribute to contemporary style and effortless living, made possible with Stria™ Cladding by James Hardie. From the moment she arrives home, Heather is greeted by the clean lines and striking façade, where the deep-grooved texture of Stria™ Cladding adds depth and character to the home's exterior.

This is the second home Heather has built. After a positive experience 12 years ago, she jumped at the chance to build again, this time opting for a house and land package with Generation Homes. The location was ideal - nestled in a new

development with views of Mt Tauhara, and close (but not too close) to a shopping centre, gym and cafés.

Designed with a pavilion-style layout, the home balances functionality with aesthetic appeal. The separate wings for living and sleeping areas provide a sense of openness while ensuring privacy.

"It's a lovely use of the footprint," says Heather. "You can welcome people in while keeping your sleeping area separate from your entertaining space."

Key to achieving the home's modern farmhouse look was Stria™ Cladding. Recommended by Heather's design team at AZero, this fibre cement solution gives the home a sophisticated appearance. Beyond aesthetics, Stria™ Cladding enhances the home's durability, ensuring its street appeal will remain intact for years to come.

"The Stria™ Cladding product is very low maintenance and, as I have a very busy job and lifestyle, I needed something that only



STRIA™ CLADDING

Suitable for exterior and interior use, Stria™ Cladding is made from super-durable fibre cement, which is low maintenance and can be painted any colour. Stria has distinctive deep grooved lines and can be installed horizontally or vertically.



requires a light touch. The light colouring of the Stria™ Cladding creates a beautiful contrast to the dark fencing and adds a bit of drama. The vertical lines draw the eye up to the grandeur of the raked roofing.”

Inside, Heather’s personality is reflected in bold and stylish design choices. High ceilings enhance the sense of space, while dark accents create sophistication.

“I love the high, gabled ceilings that make all the spaces feel open and airy. The drama is not left behind in the media room – black walls and ceilings create a total cinema experience.”

However, it’s in the outdoor areas that Heather, a funeral director, is truly able to chill out and refresh.

“The outdoor space is private and will be a lovely retreat once more greenery grows and the landscaping is complete. Having a quiet and green oasis to relax in after work and in the weekends is a must. The patio decking is an extension of the living room and flows effortlessly from one area to the other. The grounds are very low maintenance, which is in keeping with the style of the build.”