



Showhome tailored for modern living

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Built on a compact site, typical of inner city urban living, Wellington’s Landmark Homes new showhome in Cuba Street, Petone will showcase Landmark’s high design standards and attention to detail while meeting the requirements of modern life.

Due for completion in December, the home has been designed for the increasing need for medium density living.

Called the Rangitoto, it will feature in Landmark Homes new catalogue that is shortly to be produced nationwide.

General Manager/Designer for Landmark Homes – Wellington, Kim Baldwin, says the 200sqm home will be an example of modern living, exemplifying what can be achieved on a site of around 400sqm.

“It’s a very contemporary two-storey home with double garage, show casing the Landmark standard—tiled showers, under floor heating, a mix of hard and soft flooring and above code insulation.

“Like the vast majority of our homes the stud height is 2.7m - providing that sense of light and spaciousness.”

Requests made by clients over the last 2 – 3 years have been listened to and incorporated into the overall design to produce a home that kiwis want and need in their family homes—despite being on a compact site.

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A study nook where the kids can study in view of their parents, along with the norms of a butlers pantry have also been incorporated in the clever design.

Landmark Homes has been part of New Zealand’s building landscape for over 30 years and has established 14 franchises the depth and breadth of the country.

Kim took the mantle of Landmark Homes – Wellington in 2016, attracted by its strong design focus.

An architectural designer by trade, qualified with ADNZ and a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) – Design, Kim ran a Wellington based architectural design/project management business for 20 years.

“When the opportunity to buy the Wellington franchise came up I took it.

“My dad was building with Landmark at the time but the main attraction to Landmark was that most of the houses we build are primarily bespoke ‘design and build’ homes. They’re high-end houses really with a high level of design in each of them.”

Based in Jackson Street, Petone, the team at the Wellington franchise look after the greater Wellington area including the Wairarapa down to Carterton and across to the Kapiti Coast.

With experienced home and interior designers, as well as LBP qualified construction managers as part of the Landmark Homes – Wellington in-house team, customers can expect a tailored ‘one-stop-shop’ Landmark Homes experience.

“As well designing the home from scratch, we can provide colour co-ordination, kitchen and



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bathroom design right through to construction and all questions are answered through the one office,” explains Kim.

“Customers can expect a one-on-one design advice by someone who is responsible for the build from start to finish. We don’t have a sales staff that reports back to the designers—the sales team are the designers.”

Importantly, because Landmark Homes is a registered Master Builder, all our main carpenters on site must also be LBP qualified. “One of the key differences for the Wellington franchise is that there is not a lot of land and a lot of our builds are now medium density homes on subdivided sites, where a single dwelling has been removed and two or more homes built in their place.”

Kim says that while many people find the subdividing process and dealing with multiple agencies daunting, his team has the expertise to make that process easy.



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