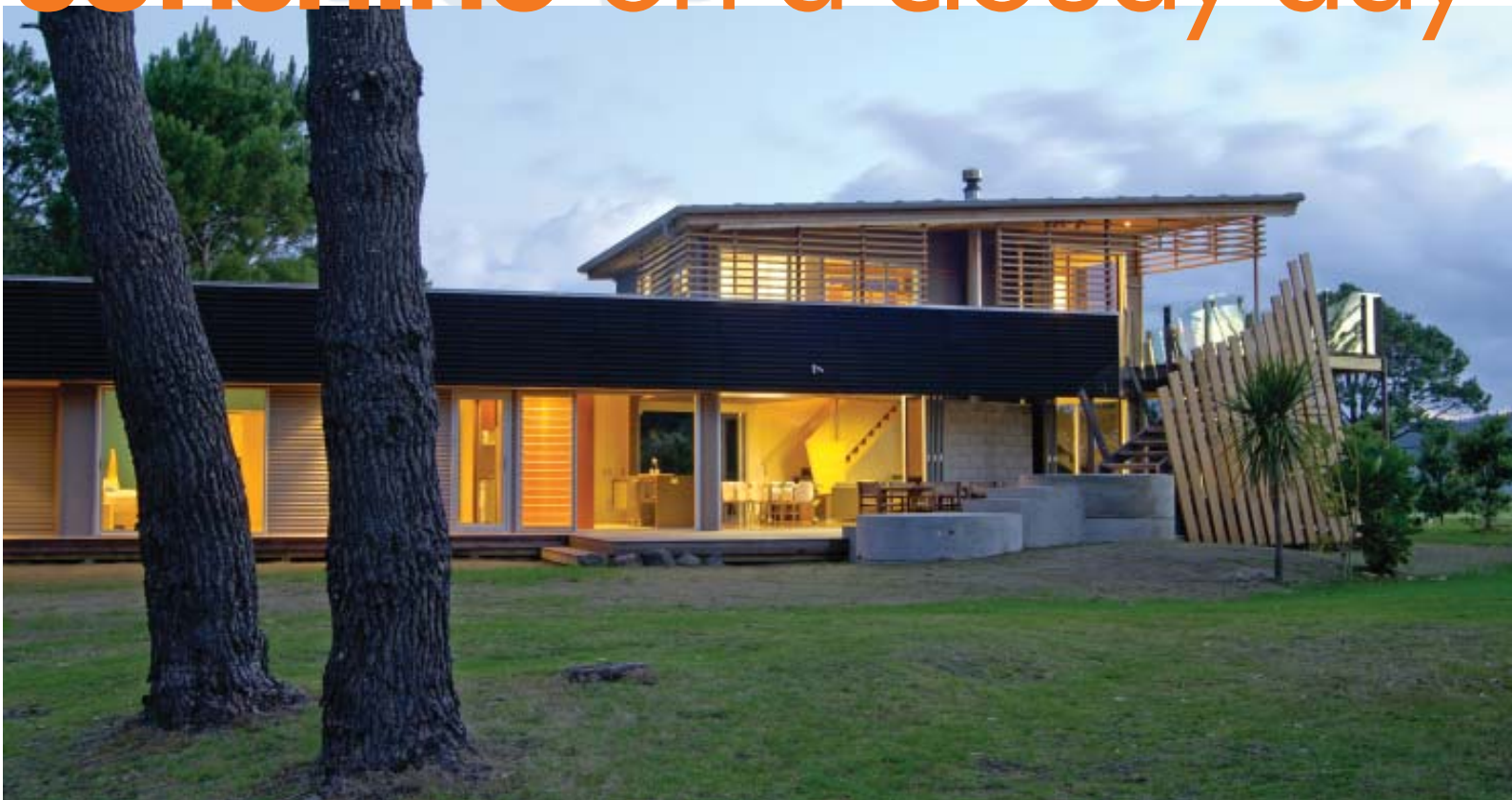


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*coastal*  
**sunshine** on a cloudy day



EVEN IN THE GLOOM AND CHILL OF MID-WINTER, there is a sunny clearing among the pines which fringe the Coromandel coastline.

Weaving through the pines, we arrive at this distinctive beach house, accessing the interior from the afternoon deck which is littered with kayaks and equipment jettisoned by children returning from the beach.

As architect Geoff Lentz explains, *'The architecture responds to its context by using blurred thresholds to create a number of in between realms. Perforations in the structure and envelope are carefully controlled to provide visual pathways through the house and from the house to its surroundings. The owners were really stimulating to work with, and builder Clive Porter worked hard to achieve such an excellent house.'*



THE OWNERS' CREATIVITY IS ALSO EXPRESSED in a number of details of the house, including bespoke mirror-finish stainless steel fittings and purpose made furniture. These combine with the architecture to create a contemporary house for classic New Zealand beach holidays. Roll on summer . . .

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*Architect Richard Mauriohooho with builder Andrew Galbraith (right) and client Lora Hagemann (centre) at her new home*

# sculptural icon

THE SUBURBAN SETTING OF THIS HOUSE proved no limitation to owner Lora Hageman's imaginative and creative approach to building her new home.

Architect Richard Mauriohooho has provided the home with a sculptural quality which marks it out as something different and which responds to the owner's distinctive requirements.



## URBAN DESIGN UPDATE

CAMBRIDGE PARK, a new community type residential subdivision in Leamington, was recently given approval to proceed. Two and a half years ago, we were approached by a group of local landowners interested in offering a subdivision which incorporated urban design in keeping with the distinctive character of Cambridge. It is encouraging that this vision for improved urban design has now been approved by Council. We look forward to seeing the new community take shape over the coming years.



WORKING WITH THE OWNER SARAH NEPE, Richard Mauriohooho has used lighting and colour to transform this retail unit at Hamilton's Centre Place shopping mall to create a stand out new store for **Beauty World**.

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# award winner



**THE MONASTERY**, a private health retreat for women, is located in a historic homestead and former Passionist Monastery at Tamahere. Sandra Metcalfe worked closely with the owners and with builder Andrew Galbraith to restore the building to its former glory. We are delighted that The Monastery was recognised with a Health Commercial Project Award in the 2006 Waikato Registered Master Builders awards.



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# theatre stages revival



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*HAMILTON'S ARTS SCENE received a further boost with the recent completion of Stage 1 refurbishment works at the Community Theatre. We're excited to work in partnership with council and contribute to the resurgence of the city's creative spaces in this way.*