



Exterior: North elevation, looking into living room



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Bleibtreu House Alteration, Koura Street , Turangi

The Bleibtreu House is a secluded riverside retreat. Located at Turangi, on the banks of the Tongariro River, the house doubles as a family vacation home and an exclusive fishing lodge. The project required extensive alterations to an existing Lockwood/blockwork house to enhance the liveable space and provide accommodation to meet the expectations of the discerning.





Exterior: Decked terrace



Interior: En suite bathroom



Interior: Living room



Interior: Looking across family room, dining room and kitchen



The house is centred around an old octagonal Lockwood house. The existing spaces were re-organised and internal walls removed to express the unusual volume, and to open the house up to the gardens. Additional rooms were added negotiating the complexities generated by the existing house form and existing trees. All the living spaces, bedrooms and en suites have individual views of the garden.

The extensions have been clad in cedar as has the existing Lockwood enabling insulation to be provided to those walls. The brief was to provide an understated elegance to a New Zealand experience for keen trout fishers and the achievement is appreciated by the owner and visitors alike.



Interior: Master Bedroom

