

Omaha Beach House 45 Kewai Street, Omaha



The different functions of the house were given their own shape and materials, resulting in a sculptural and playful composition:

The inspiration for this concept was the architect's favourite game with his young daughter: 'blocks'. Father and daughter used wooden blocks in different colours and shapes to create interesting architectural objects and 'environments'. The Omaha Beach House is a continuation of this process at a larger scale.

Kamermans & Co Architects also did the interior design as well as the landscape design of a low water use 'native dune' style garden with plant colours to complement the house colours.

The interior design creates a contemporary yet comfortable and lively ambiance.

The client owns a plantation forest and has a love for solid wood that inspired the design of the dining table, coffee tables, audio/visual cabinet, bedside tables and bed-heads as well as the 'reconstituted tree trunk' barstools. The trunks are cut into 60mm slices which are then rearranged to suit ergonomic and aesthetic requirements. Each stool is different because the natural shape and texture of the original tree trunk is retained. Kamermans & Co Architects also designed the sofas as a retro version of the classic 'chesterfield'.

Sustainable features of the house include rainwater collection/storage for all water use, solar/electric water heating, natural space cooling, and passive solar heating with low energy use heat-pump backup.

Architectural Specifier: Kamermans & Co Architects Building Contractor: Arjan Sibbing Colour Selection: Kamermans & Co Architects Interior Designer: Kamermans & Co Architects Painting Contractor: Mike Fleming Photographer: Kamermans & Co Architects

Colours Used: Resene Aths Special, Resene Quarter Pearl Lusta Products Used: Resene decorative paints

