

Housing Award

K Valley House

by Herbst Architects

• COROMANDEL •

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This dramatically sited house is beautifully attuned to the tastes and needs of clients with a strong sense of place and a self-sufficient approach to their life in a country valley. As the clients wished, recycled materials and fittings feature significantly in the building; the commitment to a rural idiom is clearly, and meaningfully, signalled by the rain screen of rusted corrugated iron sheets on the exterior. The house, intentionally, looks a little beat up but appearances aren't everything. The rustic materials are lovingly assembled and, inside, it is clear that this is a sophisticated piece of work: as comfortable as a cosy retreat should be and as confident as an inspiring site demands.

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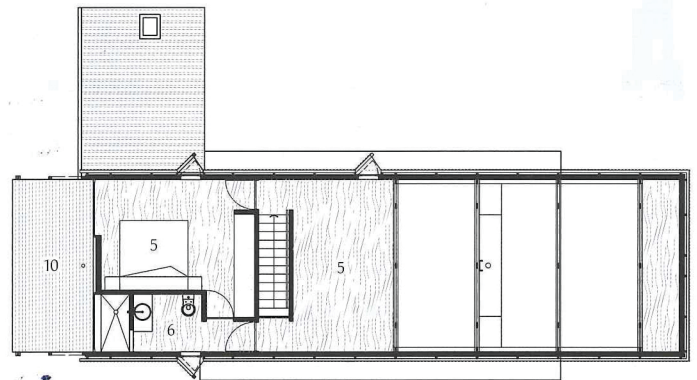


Poetic rust

In Coromandel's Kuaeranga Valley, this humble home, clad in rusty corrugated iron and wood, sits in homage to the rural shed. A battered iron box hangs over a timber and glass pavilion, which utilises around 60 per cent recycled materials. Inside, the design provides a 270-degree panoramic view around the valley, while the interior is lined in wood, showcasing the exposed timber roof structure. This unique home is at peace with its surroundings – all at once decrepit, elegant and poetic, even.



Clockwise from top left: Outside shower; the exposed timber ceiling structure is a feature throughout the interior; the farmhouse pavilion.



- 1 Entry
- 2 Kitchen
- 3 Dining room
- 4 Lounge
- 5 Bedroom
- 6 Bathroom/WC
- 7 Laundry/store room
- 8 Cave
- 9 Carport
- 10 Deck

