

Exciting designs with Kiwi lifestyle choices in mind



Touchwood offers two series of designs to satisfy a wide range of individual tastes and preferences. One thing all our plans have in common is their inspiration – the natural New Zealand countryside and coastline.

For homemakers with budget constraints, our Frontier Series offers solid



timber quality, luxury and durability at conventional home prices.

The Lifestyle Series is more upmarket in terms of both design choices and quality of materials in such areas as exterior cladding, roofing, floor-to-ceiling windows, joinery and other touches.

Whatever plan you choose, we will manage everything, from finalising the design concept through construction to the finishing touches.

We'll also take care of planning, consents, permits, materials purchasing, sub-contracting and inspections. Or, if you prefer, we'll work with the builder of your choice to ensure that your Touchwood home is everything you dreamed it would be.

Visit our website to view our full range of standard plans: www.touch-wood.co.nz



Touchwood solid timber system

- ✓ Flexible enough to incorporate any type of window joinery
- ✓ Best engineered connection systems without the need for complicated and messy onsite construction.
- ✓ Touchwood manufactures its solid wood wall products in a factory controlled environment
- ✓ Takes just hours to install, reducing construction costs and improving quality control
- ✓ Ensures site mess is kept to a minimum, reducing costs and making site conditions safer
- ✓ Very cost competitive compared to conventional housing systems and other solid wood housing
- ✓ Not limited by modular restrictions in its systems
- ✓ Touchwood homes are a revolutionary patented solid wood building system.

living with timber



Northland's Homeworld finds a 'soulmate' in Touchwood's innovative building approach

"A home should be as individual as you are." That's the philosophy that has driven 25 years of client satisfaction and business success for Touchwood's newly appointed Northland franchisee. Barry and Jenny Trass started – and still operate – 'Homeworld Design & Build' with a vision of building guaranteed quality homes that are designed and built to meet individual requirements at affordable prices.

With five architectural designers on staff, Whangarei-based Homeworld focuses on designing homes to suit particular home sites and specific requirements. The company builds around 70 homes a year, from budget designs to \$1 million plus dwellings.

The company has its own, in-house team of architectural designers, quantity surveyors, supervisors and project managers, and operates out of a 5-home display village in Western Hills Drive, Whangarei. Homeworld's land development division is involved in projects that range from units to 70-plus homesite developments.

A Perfect match: Because design individuality and greater affordability are also at the heart of the revolutionary Touchwood building concept, Homeworld didn't need much convincing to adopt the new solid wood system as its first-ever franchise arrangement.

"We were immediately impressed with the simplicity and versatility of the pre-fabricated panel system, and

its distinctive advantages over other products on the market," said Homeworld sales manager, Steve Trass, who has put together about 1,200 building contracts throughout Northland in his 20 years with the company.

"Touchwood's approach is also ideally suited to our region's unique residential and holiday home building environment. The 'winterless North' is more coastline than hinterland, and a large number of the homes we build are designed to fit and make the most of their coastal locations."

'Homeworld Design & Build' is proud to offer and support the Touchwood building system to clients with homesites anywhere in the region from Warkworth to North Cape.

Team Northland

If you're planning to build in Northland, these are the experts who'll make your dream home come alive in natural timber:



Barry Trass



Steve Trass

Quality system blends beauty with precision

The Touchwood building system is state-of-the-art factory precision and quality control from first cut to final screw..

Touchwood employs digital optimising cutting technology to pre-fabricate the solid timber interior/ exterior wall panels. Uniformity and integrity are guaranteed, and waste is minimised – an important factor in keeping costs low.

Once on-site, the panels are quickly and expertly screwed together, with no need for complex connections or further timber cutting. The wall joints create a cavity that is ideal for running electrical wiring and other service conduits to wherever they're needed.

The finished structure is incredibly tight, strong and secure.



Your Touchwood home can be as individual as your lifestyle

When you select Touchwood as your solid timber home building system, you're opening up the most important lifestyle choice of all – your freedom to choose.

That choice may be one of our standard plans, either as is, or adapted to suit your particular requirements. It may be an original design prepared by an independent architect or draftsman. Or, it could be your own personal plan, developed in collaboration with your Touchwood-franchised builder.

For the first time in New Zealand,



there is no factory-driven constraint on how your solid timber home will look and feel. Even the budget is flexible.



We provide the solid pine wall panels and the assembly system. You get to choose your floor, ceiling and roof design, and the materials to be used in those areas.

This flexibility extends to door and window joinery, exterior cladding



and interior lining. In many cases, your Touchwood builder can save you money and satisfy your design preferences by installing materials that are bulk-purchased for use in conventional home construction by the same firm.

With Touchwood, dream homes really do come true.

Touch of class for new school library facility

Broadfields Primary School is celebrating completion of its brand-new classroom resource library block – and Touchwood South Island is thrilled at the response to the company's first major "commercial" project.

Touchwood South Island was the successful tenderer for consultation and supply on this 175m² building.

"The school principal was amazed at how quickly and efficiently everything came together," said



Touchwood's Kit Randall. "Everyone – the board of trustees, staff and pupils – is delighted by the look and feel of their new building."

The resilient solid timber wall system has been paired with Colorsteel exterior cladding to provide a low-maintenance structure that will withstand the rigours of school use.

Interior colour contrast has been added through installation of a partition wall panel, which also provides a separate area for school projects and parties.

Kit Randall says this application demonstrates the suitability of the innovative Touchwood building system to light commercial projects. Touchwood's speed of assembly and the robust durability of solid timber offer an ideal solution for office blocks, schools, duplexes, etc.

