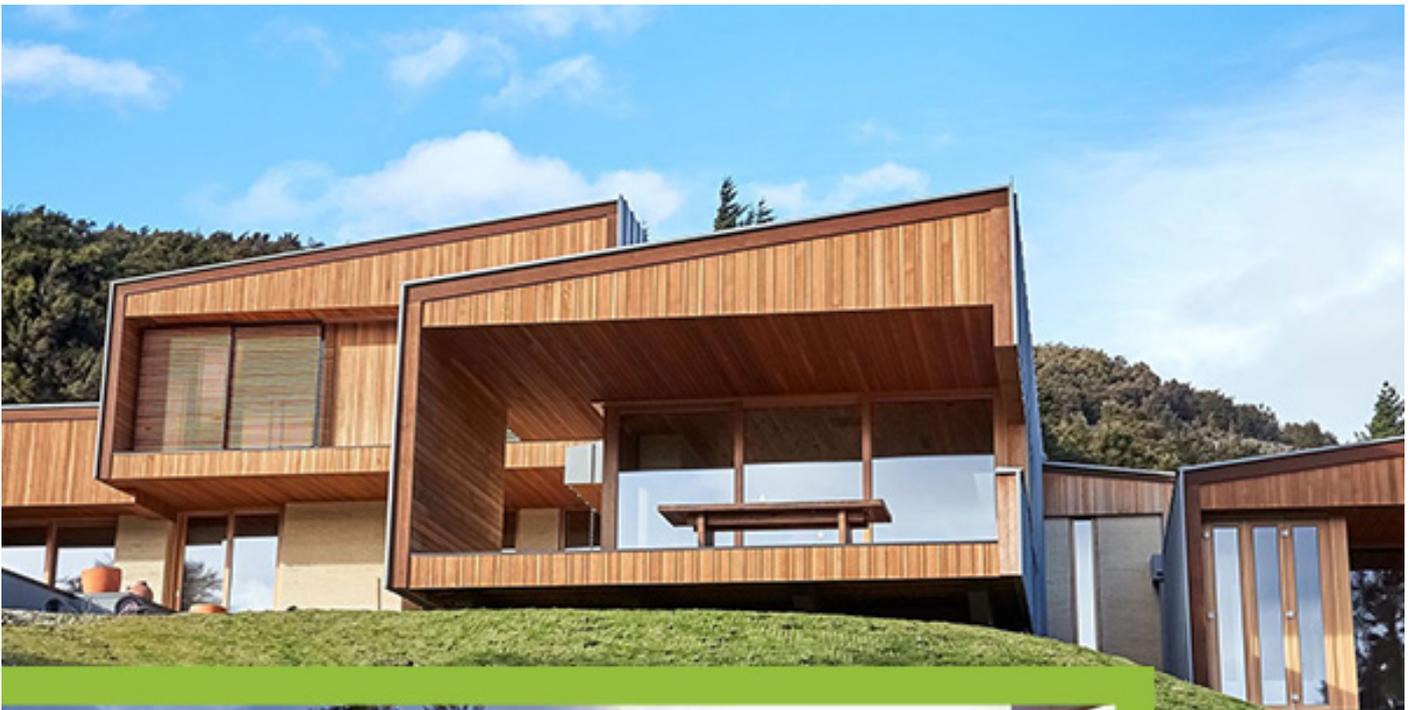


We're pleased to share with you some photos and feedback from recent customer projects that have been completed, using our beautiful bamboo products. We hope you find the below information interesting and inspiring. If you've completed a project using our bamboo flooring, decking or panels, we'd love to see them and be able to share them with others (especially "before" and "after" photos). Please let us know!

Bamboo Joinery in Stunning Wanaka Home

A Wanaka customer had a beautiful home Architecturally designed and built in a picturesque setting amongst the hills, with amazing views. This new home features a range of different timber ceilings, floors, walls etc, and includes our bamboo ply panels for feature joinery in a shelving unit and butler's pantry (pictured). They also used our bamboo x-treme decking for the outside decks, providing a stable and durable decking solution to handle all weather conditions.



Beautiful Bamboo Joinery

Our Bay of Plenty customer (Chris) shared some lovely photos of these stylish items that were crafted for him by Scott Peters, from SDP Construction.

Made from a range of 18mm and 30mm thick Plantation vertical bamboo panels, they include a gorgeous bedhead - which has been cleverly routed to expose the cross-ply grain underneath the top layer of the bamboo; as well as a stunning bathroom vanity unit and kitchen cabinetry. Chris advised that the bamboo panels *"were quite easy to work with as the bamboo machines well with minimal tear out."*



These bamboo joinery items were crafted by Scott Peters, from SDP Construction, Bay of Plenty

Saving in time & money with Bamboo X-treme Decking

Chris, a Hibiscus Coast, Auckland customer told us that he reviewed numerous decking options for his new home, before deciding to have 100sqm of Plantation bamboo x-treme decking installed.

After the project was completed, Chris advised that *“we noticed a saving of around \$2-3K over the whole deck over other hardwood options we priced, due to the speed it went down and the fact the clip/screw fixings were included in the price.”*



“This is just a short note to say we are delighted with the Bamboo x-treme decking...”

- Chris, Red Beach

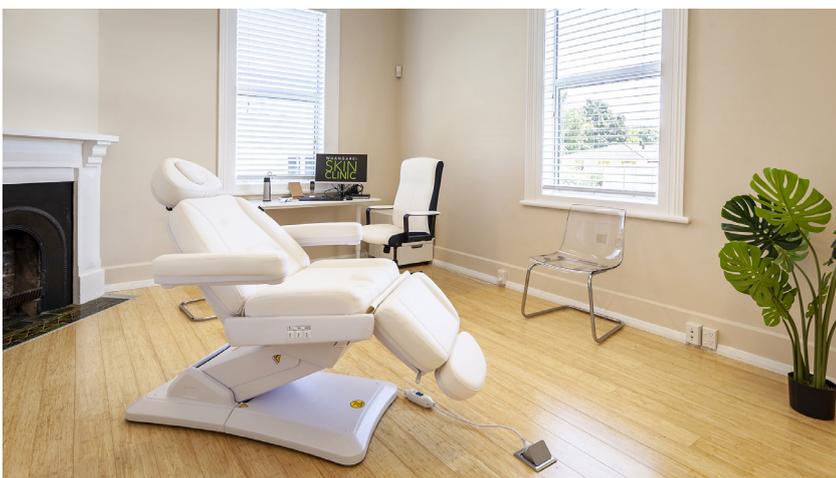
Some customers like to leave their bamboo x-treme decking to naturally “weather”, which will gradually fade to a caramel colour before turning more silver-grey in colour. Others prefer to oil the decking to bring back a richer, darker colour again – but this is largely a personal choice. A key feature of bamboo x-treme decking is the end-matching tongue-in-groove joint, which provides a nice, tidy and snug join. You can't achieve this with most other decking products as they shrink or swell too much. Bamboo x-treme is very dense and stable, so joins like this (or mitering corners etc), edging and steps can look very sharp.

Another customer just provided this feedback about the quick installation and low wastage with his new bamboo x-treme deck: *“The deck is now finished and I am extremely pleased with the end result. We followed all the instructions and it was the easiest deck I have ever built. Also the wastage was virtually nothing, probably less than half of one percent. I had two boxes of boards left over most likely as I had allowed for more wastage but the system allows for high accuracy of usage. The builders took an interest in your product and I feel they will look to use it themselves in the future. The look and finish is very high quality and I will use this on my own home once we return from our trip.”* – Frank, Mangawhai.

Natural Bamboo Flooring Popular at the Skin Clinic

The Whangarei Skin Clinic recently installed a new Plantation compressed bamboo floor and a stylish new reception counter-top using our vertical bamboo panels – both in the “natural” colour.

Michael, who owns the clinic (and obviously a handy “DIY’er”) installed the flooring himself and told us that *“Everybody loves the bamboo flooring, it gives the whole clinic a nice light colour”*. Michael mentioned he used a bench-top saw, a sliding drop saw and a jig saw as main tools, and made use of some 8mm custom board off-cuts to help provide the expansion gap around the perimeter of the floor. Great job Michael – nice and bright indeed!



Display showrooms at Home Ideas - Akld, Wgtn & Chch

We're excited to now have our range of bamboo flooring, decking and panel products on display at the Home Ideas' showrooms in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Home Ideas is THE place to go if you're looking for inspiration and ideas for a new home build or renovation project:

- There are over 100 businesses with their building-related products on display at each location - and now beautiful bamboo options too!
- Open 7 days a week
- Free parking available
- Browse at your leisure - without a pushy salesperson in sight!



Auckland – 165 The Strand, Parnell



Wellington – Corner The Esplanade and Hutt Road, Petone



Christchurch – 37 Mandeville Street, Riccarton

Great Customer Feedback

We strive hard to provide a great experience for our customers, so we are always delighted to receive feedback on completed projects. Here are a few quotes we've received from customers over the last few weeks:

“Great folk to deal with. Best decking product I have ever used. Goes together really beautifully. Looks superb. People who visit very very impressed. Would recommend to everybody” – Allan, Timaru

“Our new bamboo floor looks amazing! Entrance, hallway, stairs, kitchen & dining room - wow. It's lifted the overall look of the house to a new level. We are very happy with the entire process - from quote, delivery & advice on credible installers. Highly recommend Steve & the team” – Cathy, Porirua

“Our new bamboo kitchen island turned out a treat! We absolutely love how it has come up - the colour is so rich and warm!” – Janelle, Kapiti

“I just installed my kitchen benchtop using 30mm, natural, vertical bamboo and it looks gorgeous. Fantastic customer service, incredibly friendly and helpful, and supplied me with heaps of information to help me make my decision on what was the right product for me. Also a great price and super fast shipping, thank you very much!” – Kirsty, Lower Hutt

Bamboo: Rapid & Sustainable Growth

The giant bamboo species Moso, belongs to the fastest growing plants in the world. It reaches its final height of around 20 metres within just a few months, before reaching full maturity in 4-5 years, with excellent hardwood characteristics (hardness, strength and dimensional stability). This is in stark contrast to many hardwood trees, which can take over 50 years to mature, making them increasingly scarce and more expensive to produce products from. Under the ground in the bamboo forest lies the mother plant: she sprouts several new shoots on a yearly basis, which grow and grow – fast! By sustainably harvesting a bamboo forest on a yearly basis, the shoots grow back stronger, with around 20-25% of the poles being harvested annually and the plant growing stronger the year after. This is why bamboo is so sustainable and why there is no deforestation in the process.

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More Information

We have lots of photos and information of our range of bamboo building-related products on our website www.plantationbamboo.co.nz As usual if you have any questions or if we can help you with anything bamboo-related, please get in touch with any of our friendly team.

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