



Landscapers mould bush setting

NATIVE bush is the theme of a home on sale in the Bombay Hills — in more ways than one.

The house was built 10 years ago for the Aitkenhead family, former owners of the native timber mill in Pokeno. It was set on a 4.5ha site, with native taraire trees, believed to be up to 300 years old.

Designed by Auckland architect, Mr Simon Carnachan, the home is 325 sq m, clad in cedar and has a 10m swimming pool and an outdoor spa pool.

The native bush theme was pursued further by the present owners, rural landscape specialists Rod and Chris Burnside, who have planted further native shrubs and trees to attract native birds.

The home also has wide views from the Manukau harbour to the tip of Rangitoto Island.

Mr David Rainbow, of marketing agents Bayleys

Real Estate, said the 25 metre high native trees are at the south side of the house so they provide shelter and shade but do not block sunlight from the house.

The home has a formal dining area, a semi-circular family entertainment lounge, an office and an indoor/outdoor entertainment area that can accommodate more than 100 people. It has five bedrooms. There is a two-car garage and a 120 sq m, high stud utility shed which can house extra vehicles such as farm machinery.

Extensive use of glazing enhances the home's natural light and magnificent views. Materials include hand-made terra cotta tiles and native timbers.

It is to be auctioned in Bayleys Real Estate's Auckland auction rooms on July 31.