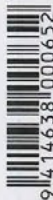


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### THIS TAKES THE BISKIT

Auckland has no shortage of lovely cafés but here's another to add to the list: Biskit. The Parnell eatery opened at the end of last year, with a charming fitout by Material Creative.

"The brief was to create something beautiful on a budget," says Toni Brandso, principal at Material Creative. "The only guidelines were it had to be fitting for Parnell and have lots of light and storage."

In the demolition process, the designers found a brick wall that had been boarded up with layers of Gib and a beautiful timber floor. Unglazed Spazio Casa tiles were installed, as were light fittings designed by Powersurge and Material Creative. Oak furniture was constructed and Steiner Ceramics was commissioned to make the servingware (Biskit is a synonym for unfired pottery).

"We tried to bring in natural fibers and materials where we could," says Brandso. "Construction went on for a year, with hold ups in the resource consent, structural strengthening and building consent, so that part was not fun. But it is always nice to work on a project where you have an open-minded client who trusts you implicitly."

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