



**Perhaps for a paddle:** A feature of the outside landscaping is a shallow pool on the south side of Government House.

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**Andrew was right:** The tiles really were coming off the walls in the bathroom.

played in ornate cabinets.

The first official guest in the refurbished house was Prince William, who rested his head on silky, embroidered pillows when he stayed in the Tizard Suite last week.

It's possible he gazed out the windows to the vista of Wellington spread before him, and flicked through a copy of *Anzacs at War*, resting on a wooden side cabinet. He may have left smelling ever-so-slightly fruity, after washing with Linden Leaves passionfruit and echinacea shower creme.

He could have checked out his ensemble in the full-length mirror, smudged with tiny handprints.



**Sparkling splendour:** Mike Hannaway, who oversaw the project, in the refurbished bathroom that Prince Andrew once commented about. Right, the old bathroom.

"Ah ... His Excellency does have grandchildren, so perhaps they've been in here with their little hands," a media minder said.

Sir Anand Satyanand officially reopened the house yesterday, with wife Susan, Prime Minister John Key and 250 guests.

Public open days will be held on April 9 and 10.



**Prince Andrew:** "The tiles are falling off the walls."

