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latest news and views from the team at **urbo homes**

It's hard to believe we are already half way through 2008 and with the colder weather upon us it's a great time to sit in front of a fire with milo in hand whilst thumbing the latest home style magazines and focus on home improvements. So if you are in the market to build or renovate why not give us a call!

This issue we wanted to keep you in the loop with our latest news, views and industry info.



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2008 Master Build Entries

House of the Year judging is upon us again. On the back of having won the last two consecutive years at the National House of the Year Awards we have entered another three strong contenders for this year. One of the homes is a rural family home (category \$450,000 to 650,000) and the other two are bachs (category \$250,000 - \$350,000) .

Sustainability is a new category in this years awards. Two of the **urbo** homes entries have been entered into the Sustainability Awards. Today we read more and more of the need to minimise the effects on the environment, and all industries are moving towards sustainable practices. At **urbo** homes we are educating ourselves as to eco friendly construction techniques and products. With a move towards more eco friendly construction we welcome the opportunity to showcase our best practise.



What's up at Urbo

The media has been busy accentuating the doom and gloom period with the downturn in the economy and the residential property market. We have noticed a definite slow down in the real estate institute house sales and a general tightening in the market; however it's not been all bad at **urbo**.

At **urbo** we continue to get good enquiry from people wanting to build a quality new home, and recently have seen an escalation in our renovation projects as some clients have preferred to stay in their existing home and give it a significant **urbo** make over.

With our latest foray into the Waikato market – this month we will showcase ourselves at our very first Mystery Creek Fielddays held on 11-14 June. Gates open from 8.00am to 5.00pm. Come and see us we will be located in the Rural Living Pavilion site 32. Having already completed our first Waikato tradeshow late in 2007 this provides an additional avenue in which to spread our word.

Our Northland office continues to go from strength to strength with major projects on the rise. So much so we have recently taken on an Operations Manager to alleviate some pressure. Kevin Barron comes to us with a strong history in the construction industry.

Looking for an Expert

Talk to **urbo** homes - National Award Winners Our clients and the industry recognise the difference in our approach – distinguished in the most rigorous competitive awards. Among our achievements, we were:

- 🏡 National Winner of the 2007 House of the Year Competition \$450-\$600k
- 🏡 National Winner of the 2006 House of the Year Competition \$250-\$350k
- 🏡 Gold Reserve winners in the Master Build Awards 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004;
- 🏡 and the Supreme Award in the Taupo Master Build competition, 2005.

When you do something well – as well as one possibly can – the plaudits tend to follow. You would be right in thinking we know what we are doing!

We see more and more building companies offering building services. So when choosing a home building company it is critical that they



have credibility. Do your homework, talk to clients who have been through the building process to find out for yourself their experience. Remember its vital to compare apples with apples. For example you may be provided with a square metre rate that seems comparatively cheap.

When people choose to build with **urbo** homes, they have a desire to express their individuality in a home that will be designed with an uncommon professional flair and built to the very highest standards of craftsmanship.

The services on offer at **urbo** are varied from new home design and construction, to renovation projects or light commercial works.

Take a look at our website www.urbo.co.nz – this will provide you with a glimpse of our most recent projects.



"The bitterness of poor quality lingers long after the sweetness of low cost is forgotten"



Show Home Sold

Having operated our office from our Showhome at 11 Stafford Rise, Lake Vista Estate, and Rotorua for the last two years we have had to move on due to Resource Consent - settlement 8th July 2008.

The show home has been sold in record time given the current economic climate. We feel assured the new owners will enjoy all the comforts and peace of mind of an award winning home.

We have now relocated to 7A Grey Street, Glenholme, Rotorua – postal and phone numbers remain the same;

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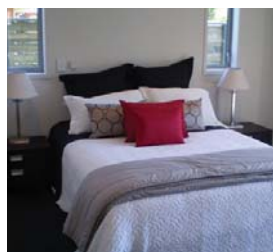


Honky Tonk Townhouses

With the emerging trend to move away from larger sections and homes for the time poor our latest feature is focused on our newly built town houses.

These town houses are made up of a set of three – located in prestigious Glenholme and only a stones throw away from central Rotorua and a stroll to the local cafe. These homes have all the essentials for relaxed living.

Blending strong design elements with contemporary living, the 179m² residence epitomizes our concept of stylish modern living. Not only do they have class and sophistication, they are homes that revolve around easy living - reducing the pressures of life. These units are ideal for the newly retired, empty nesters or professional persons. Through excellent design, these units provide for comfortable living, the use of modern products, warmth and low maintenance grounds. Located on the bottom level is the open plan living, central kitchen island for those that love to entertain, in slab heating, gas hot water, storage cupboards, a luxurious master suite and internal access garaging. The first floor has two large bedrooms, a study and bathroom, connected by a staircase which is framed with a beautiful wrought iron balustrade.



These light filled units boast excellent indoor outdoor flow with the lounge and master suites opening up on to a private and fully landscaped courtyard – the perfect place to sit and soak up the sun. No need to feel the chill in these homes as all have under floor heating and double glazing.

Low maintenance is assured with the use of solid plaster and linea cladding and longrun coloursteel roofing and a no hassle garden.

You can now enjoy what life has to offer.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these luxury townhouses then please contact Jeremy Maling on **0800 urbo homes**. Only two left!

Our Latest Addition to the Team

Hi I'm Kevin Barron. I'm married to Patrice and have two children Katie and Thomas. I'm a qualified carpenter and served an adult apprenticeship in the mid nineteen eighties. Moving to the UK with my wife, I continued building and renovation work in London, mostly working for myself for four years. We returned to New Zealand in the mid nineties where I continued as a carpenter until eight years ago when I began work as a construction manager for a large group housing company. My interests include music, family, church, sports and travelling.



Upcoming events

11 -14 June 2008

15-17 August 2008

2 – 5 October 2008

31 October – 2 November 2007

40th NZ National Agricultural Fieldays
Mystery Creek, Hamilton

Whangarei Home Show
ASB Stadium, Whangarei

Hamilton Home Show
Claudelands Showgrounds, Hamilton

Rotorua Home Show
Energy Events Centre, Queens Drive, Rotorua

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