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News

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2015 Well Underway

With Christmas now behind us and 2015 unfurling ahead of us like a flag in a stiff Wellington southerly, the team at ADarchitecture would like to extend our best wishes to you for 2015. We hope that it is productive and profitable year for you but make sure that you get the work / life balance right.

Smarter Building Centre

There has been loads of activity at the centre since the beginning of the New Year, which has ramped up further over the last few weeks with public workshops and an open weekend.

Our first open weekend of the year ran over the same weekend as KCDC's Sustainable Home and Garden weekend on 21 & 22 March 2015. We had a number of people through the centre over the two days taking in the various displays and exhibits on offer.

We have further events and workshops planned over the next while with the following being confirmed already:

14th April – Renovations – Richard Morrison – Eco-designer KCDC
28th April – Finance and Insurance – NZ Home Loans

If any of these are of interest to you please contact us at the centre to make a booking.

Additional workshops are currently in the planning stages for August and September. You can check what's coming up on the Smarter Building Centre website www.smarterbuilding.co.nz or the Facebook page (just like us).

If you are looking for a venue to hold a meeting or seminar please come into to see us as we have our seminar room available (with a presentation screen) for hire at very reasonable rates. We can arrange catering, drinks etc. on your behalf if you don't have the time to do so yourself.

We are planning to start constructing an outdoor exhibition space at the centre which will feature an operable roof, outdoor gas fire, paving and landscaping. There will be more information coming on this over the next while.

And finally from the Smarter Building Centre, if you have a building related professional service that you would like to promote, then please contact us about registration on our Professional services directory. It's very inexpensive and well worth considering as an opportunity to expose your business / service to the regular traffic going through the Smarter Building website.

Kapiti Chamber of Commerce BA5

On the evening of Wednesday 18 March, the Smarter Building Centre in conjunction with ADarchitecture hosted the members of the Kapiti Chamber of Commerce at the latest edition of the

"business after five" (BA5) event. With approximately 100 people attending, it was a very successful event at the centre where canapés and drinks were enjoyed and many business connections made.



Plimmerton House

Staff

At ADarchitecture we are proud with the quality of the service that we provide. One of the main reasons that we are able to provide a consistent level of documentation is due to our fabulous staff, most of whom have been with us since well before the beginning of ADarchitecture. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for the wonderful job that they do for us and the service that they provide to our clients.

Unfortunately, as happens in business we have recently lost a staff member in Lowell Agraba, who was one of our newest additions and was working as a junior draftsman. We wish Lowell all the best for his new role working for a previous employer.



Paraparaumu Beach House



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Homestar

For those that are not aware of the Homestar system, it is New Zealand's environmental and energy efficiency rating for both new and existing homes.

Homestar was created as an easy to understand rating system for homes, a bit like the Energy Star one for appliances. It lets you work out how healthy and energy efficient your home or prospective home is – is it warm, dry and healthy or does it need some improvement?

Homestar gives you an independent rating of your home and unbiased advice based on reliable information. For further information please either visit www.homestar.org.nz or contact Peter and Jon at ADarchitecture as we are Homestar accredited assessor/practitioners.

Projects

We recently completed the documentation for a new charity house for the Kapiti Youth Achievement trust which is to be started shortly on a vacant site on Kapiti Road (by Mitre 10 Mega). Working on this project lead us to further develop the concept of Modular Homes and we have now set up a website to market these concepts.

Please go to www.modulardesign.nz to see some of the options that are available. We are currently working on the cost involved with constructing our modular designs and hope to have these available shortly.

We are currently working on further stages of work for a prominent retirement company of new villas in Christchurch, a new apartment building stage in Hamilton and have ongoing project observation on two main buildings in Karaka and Hamilton and also a new swimming pool building in New Plymouth.

A number of residential renovations and new builds are on the drawing board within the office and are at varying stages in the process.

The new show home at FerNZ Liddle Estate has now been completed and is open for viewing. It is situated at 19 Millvale Street in Waikanae. For further information about Liddle Estate please refer to www.liddleestate.co.nz

Please note that ADarchitecture has had involvement in the remedial repairs required to properties with leaking issues both through the governments financial assistance package (FAP) and outside of it. If you have found yourself or know someone in this situation please contact us for advice on how to navigate through a very difficult minefield.

2015 ADNZ Design Awards program

ADarchitecture was a notable absentee from the 2014 ADNZ design awards program which was the first time in many years but we are excited to be entering three projects in this year's awards - a beautiful residential restoration project in Wellington, a new executive family home with serious sustainable features in Waikanae and a stunning commercial project in Paraparaumu.

Watch for updates later in the year about how they have fared and also photos will be added to website soon.



129 Rimu Road

Sign-off

We look forward catching up with everyone over the coming year and don't forget to visit the Smarter Building Centre at 45b Te Roto Drive, Paraparaumu to see the latest innovations in building.

Displays and events do change on a regular basis so make sure you check out what's happening on the Smarter Building Centre website and like us on our Facebook page.

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