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# News

## July 2014

**Hi,**

*It's been a while since we were in touch, so welcome to this newsletter update.*

*For many, the last month has been all about the Football World Cup. Needless to say we have three very happy Germans in our office, one lucky sweepstake winner and a less than happy half Dutchman!*

*On a more sobering level, the TV series Hope & Wire has brought the devastation of Christchurch back into our consciousness. That said, it is exciting to see the rebuild work gaining momentum, including some fine work by our ADNZ colleagues.*

### Location

By now we hope you are aware of our new office location—45B Te Roto Drive. Located in the Smarter Building Centre behind Mico Plumbing.

### Staff

We have welcomed Ashweena back after maternity leave, whilst Maegan will be on maternity leave at the end of the month to have her first baby. Shona has started part-time and will be taking over from Maegan, so please make yourself known to her when you first come in.

### Smarter Building Centre

Now open, this is our exciting new venture, situated at 45B Te Roto Drive, Paraparaumu. It is a dynamic resource centre for the public, builders, trades, designers and consultants. It displays products that improve the performance of buildings from the ground up. It puts people in touch with people who work together to produce high performance buildings for YOU.

There is a huge range of products in the market and everyone is vying for your attention, and your dollar. How do you make the thousands of decisions forced upon you while you are planning and building?

Everyone is after the best value for their money. That will mean different things to different people, but to us, this means having a building (particularly a home) that is warm, dry, energy efficient, light on non-renewable resources, functions well, looks good and lasts a long time without undue demands for maintenance. This is not an easy brief, and compromises are frequently required. However, the



Smarter Building Centre is here to help you find companies, solutions and products that make this easier.

Watch out for upcoming events and activities and take a look at the website [www.smarterbuilding.co.nz](http://www.smarterbuilding.co.nz). If you have a building related professional service, then contact us about registration on our Professional services directory.

Smarter Building Centre premises





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## Outlook

Economic forecasts generally point to increased demand for building. While this is primarily located in Auckland and Christchurch, the Wellington region, Kapiti in particular, is poised for a rise in building activity. We are hopeful that enough land is available to take advantage of the new housing need. At AD Architecture, we have been working hard at our processes and development to ensure we can meet demand and continue to deliver exceptional service and design.

## Projects

We have several high end new houses under various stages of construction—located throughout the Wellington region.

Also under construction are some commercial projects which we are proud to be involved with, located at Coastlands and Rimu Road, Paraparaumu. We have a reasonable number of residential renovations and new builds in various stages of design and documentation. While not a major part of our work, we are involved in some Christchurch re-build work through a construction company down there.

We are excited by our design partnership with two influential subdivisions in Waikanae. Ferndale Estate ([www.ferndaletrust.co.nz](http://www.ferndaletrust.co.nz)) and FerNZ Liddle Estate ([www.liddleestate.co.nz](http://www.liddleestate.co.nz)). We have already designed three completed homes in Ferndale and are working on a new David Reid Show Home, due to start construction later this year. We have completed one design in FerNZ that is now under construction, and have a new Show Home design underway. We are also working closely with the developers of both subdivisions on new home designs.



New Briscoes building under construction, Coastlands

## Homestar

Alex recently attended training to become a practitioner and Peter has undertaken further training to become an assessor. We urge everyone thinking about renovations or building a new home to consider the benefits of Homestar analysis to measure the total home performance.

For further information visit [www.homestar.org.nz](http://www.homestar.org.nz).



Proposed apartments, Raumati

## Sign-off

Now that we have negotiated the shortest day, and are well through the worst of winter, we are into the surge toward Christmas. We look forward to your continued support, and encourage you to visit the Smarter Building Centre.

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