

NEWSLETTER

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In July the Honorable Clayton Cosgrove, the Minister for Building Issues, presented a speech to the Canterbury Registered Master Builders, House of the Year Awards. As something a little different this month, we have included some of the interesting extracts from this speech.

The fact there are record numbers entered in this year's competition show builders are continuing to raise the bar, by having the pride and commitment to continue producing award winning homes.

This Labour-led government is committed to raising the bar in the building sector, because we believe New Zealanders are entitled to have a good quality, warm, healthy homes that they can afford.

Major changes are occurring in the building industry. These are exciting times. We are introducing licensing to keep good builders like yourselves in, and get the cowboys out, so homes are built right the first time. We are improving inspection and building consent processes. We have announced a major shakeup of the Weathertight Homes Resolution Service to get leaking homes fixed faster, so homes are healthier to live in.

Most importantly, we are updating the Building Code – the blueprint for how we build our homes. The Code sets the standards for our buildings – for how we want them to perform. We are currently seeking submissions on the Building Code review, and I urge you to have your say.

How many people, when specifying what they want in their new home or when refurbishing their existing home, take account of energy usage, water usage and waste disposal? And how many people in the industry bring it to their attention? We know the answer – not enough do.

We need building leaders like yourselves to lead the charge, as we continue to raise the bar when building the houses of tomorrow. Keep in mind that bringing energy efficiency to homes not only lowers power costs, but also adds to its capital value.

....some interesting concepts to keep in mind.

Get Smarter

Visit Hauraki's New Building Website

Hauraki District Council is getting smarter about the way it delivers services. Watch out for the launch of the Council's new building section of the Hauraki District Council's website on the 21st August 2006, where people who wish to build or are involved in the building industry can access all the latest building information and building application forms online.

www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Trade Seminars

**Paeroa Race Course
Monday August 21, 2006
2006**

**RSA Waihi
Tuesday August 22,**

Council is aware that our building industry may be facing difficulties with the changes in forms, application requirements for building consent and the additional data required for getting a code compliance certificates and we intend to address this as a first priority.

This is an opportunity for you to identify major challenges for trades people and people wanting to building in the Hauraki District and to help Council to develop solutions for building issues.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Bill Irvine
Building Research Association

Neil Gerrish
Build Con Solutions

Mark Buttimore
Hauraki District Council

Invitations have been sent out so if you have not received an invitation please don't hesitate to make contact so an invitation can be sent to you.

Contact Maureen on 07 862-8609 or email maureen@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

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