

Golden Nugget Newsletter

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Hello everyone,

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter. With Easter just around the corner and summer still around it makes for a great time of year. In this issue we look at BBQ safety tips, home maintenance tips, the greatest homes in the world, stylish shades, Goldline's latest project, our selected contractor, a special offer and how to make chocolate Easter eggs for you and your family to enjoy.

Directors note:



Dennis Peat, Director of Goldline Construction Ltd

another year of opportunity to work with homeowners to develop their homes and lifestyles to suit their specific needs. Too many people 'regret' the homes they have as being not quite right. We can help to plan and build (or adjust) the home of their dreams, while taking out the stress and worry of the building process. Your major investment after your family is your home. Enhance and protect your investments to allow you and your family to have the best fun and enjoyment they can have in a home that suits your lifestyle. Have a great year!

Dennis Peat

The New Year is well under way again with positive potential emerging in most sectors of our economy. We are looking forward to

Our Latest Project.....

Our client wanted to renovate their existing old villa, and maximize the use of a long narrow site with lovely rear gardens, by adding on additional rooms. The extensions required matching the old wooden flooring, plaster cornices, and exterior cladding including old villa windows. The site was very narrow and difficult for access, along with volcanic rock in places where drainage and foundations were installed. Each challenge was met and resolved, and the owner informed at all times. The end result has been a beautiful home, probably better than the day it was built! The new rooms provide a seamless transition from the old to the new, enhancing the beauty of the gardens and excellent for indoor-outdoor living.



Top 3 Greatest Homes in the World

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3 of 100

3 Windlesham, Surrey, UK



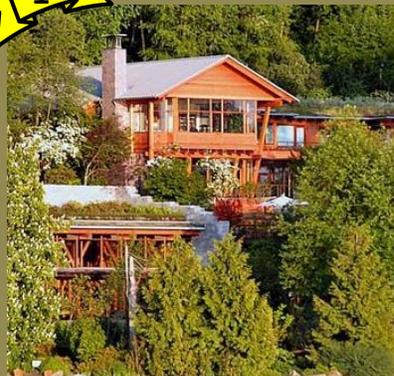
Larger than the Buckingham Palace, this home claims to have incorporated 'everything you can think of that anybody can want'. Offering 103 rooms in four principle buildings, the estate features five swimming pools, a private cinema, a heated marble driveway, a tennis court, a garage for up to eight cars and a stable for six horses.

2 Mustique, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, West Indies



This home is located on Mustique, which is a privately owned island in the Grenadines, West Indies. It has a five-bedroom complex covering a 10,000 square feet site with spectacular sea views. The residence takes full advantage of its beautiful site, allowing for an open-air lifestyle while providing luxurious seclusion and privacy.

1 Lake Washington, USA



Owned by Bill Gates, this estate is one the most expensive and high-tech ever built. The estate contains a pool building, exercise facilities, library, theater, offices, guest houses, underground garages, a boathouse and an activities building with putting green and various sports courts.

To see these and 97 more of the greatest homes in the world, go to <http://www.interhomes.co.uk/features/top100.html> Make sure to **forward this newsletter** to a friend so they too can check out these homes.

Family BBQ Safety Tips

With daylight saving giving us more evening sun, many of us will be using the extra hours to fire up the barbecue and get family and friends together.

- Supervise children around grills. If using a public grill, close the barbecue fence if there is one.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children. Teach children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately.
- Before using a grill, check the connection between the gas tank and the fuel line. Test for leaks using soapy water. Do not overfill the gas tank.
- Dispose of hot coals properly – douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers – they can take up to five days to cool.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas – carbon monoxide could be produced and can be fatal.
- Make sure your barbecue is completely extinguished when finished.

For more safety advice outside and inside your home, visit www.fire.org.nz

Home Maintenance Tips

- Know your DIY limits – sometimes it's cheaper and less stressful to hire a building professional rather than make costly mistakes.
- Combat damp through insulating, ventilating and quality heating
- Seek advice and get your place thoroughly investigated if you think it could be a leaky home. Often this may be a maintenance issue.
- Maintain all claddings – whether they are monolithic fibre – cement, weatherboard, brick or concrete block. Follow the manufacturer's maintenance recommendations and inspect annually.
- Check that balconies and decks allow water to run to a collection point. Check for rotting, swelling, cracks, rust and keep drainage pints clear.
- Check your roof, chimneys and flashings annually. Look for corroded or lifted flashings and crumbling chimney mortar.

Quote

"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable."

- Christopher Reeve

Q: How do you tell a bad D.I.Y.er from an experienced pro?

A: The experienced guy can still count to ten on both hands.

Making Chocolate Easter Eggs

You can make Easter eggs at home with this easy and delicious chocolate Easter egg recipe:



- ¾ cup peanut butter*
- ¼ cup butter, softened*
- 1 cup desiccated coconut*
- 1 ½ - 2 cups icing sugar*
- 300g milk chocolate chips*

Cream peanut butter and butter together, and then stir in coconut and 1 cup of icing sugar. Mix well, and then stir in remaining icing sugar gradually, until the mixture holds when pressed into an egg shape. Divide into 24 pieces and press into egg shapes with your hands. Cover and place in fridge to chill for 1 hour. Melt chocolate chips in a microwave or on the stove-top. Stir until smooth and melted. Dip eggs in chocolate and place on waxed paper to harden. Chill, then enjoy!

Stylish Shades

One of life's pleasures is being outside in the garden enjoying the sunshine. However, as the weather becomes warmer, some protection from the harsh rays is required. There are a number of stylish options available to allow you to entertain and relax in comfort outdoors.

Pergolas

Pergolas are a permanent architectural feature that creates an extension of the indoor living areas outside. They can be freestanding or attached to the house, covered with a roofing material or left open to the sky. The great thing about pergolas is that there is a wide array of styles that can add that functional special touch to your home.



Pergola



Shade Sail

Shade sails

Shade sails are a great solution if you want some shade over a small courtyard, patio space, spa pool, BBQ or kids play area. Some are waterproof to provide that extra protection. But remember the water will end up pooling on top during a lot of rain. They are easy to fix to existing features such as the house or carport. They are available in many different, size, colours and shapes to suit your individual outdoor environment. Shade sails can be easily removed for winter storage and can be easily cleaned with Wet n Forget or a mild detergent can be used.

Awnings

These are usually fixed to the house over windows and openings to outdoor areas. They provide good sun protection, privacy, insect screening and weather protection. There are freestanding carport awnings to cover and protect your car. The great thing about using an awning is that they can be retracted in the winter months or when shade is not required. They are superb for a number of outdoor places no matter how big or small the space. Once again any shape, colour and style can be chosen to fit your particular situation.



Awning



Umbrella

Umbrellas

Umbrellas are the most common, least expensive option for protection from the sun. They give you instant shade when you need it. There are some new innovative umbrellas that are on the market that are both functional and very stylish. An umbrella with a fixed central or side post gives you more room and allows you to move and direction the umbrella as the sun moves around. If your space is really limited, an umbrella that is wall mounted, that can be tilted and rotated is perfect for balconies and apartments.

Whatever style or theme of garden you want to create, remember to include some sort of shade from the harsh sun this summer.

Special Offer

Need a quote for your dream home or an alteration?
For every quote we provide you on your home until April 1 2010, you will receive free a 30cm chocolate Easter bunny.

Conditions do apply: this offer is only available when this newsletter is presented and ends 1 April 2010.
For every genuine quote we provide you or your home.

Contact us **now** on (09) 533 7522 or 027 294 4909 to give us your details.





See our [Top 10 Tips for a Safer Home](#)

SAFETY begins at HOME

In New Zealand, more injuries happen at home than at work, on the road, or while playing sport. In fact, on average, someone in New Zealand is injured at home every 48 seconds!
However, the good news is, with just a few simple changes, you can make your home a safer place for you, your family and any visitors.

1. The more light the better: If you can, install two lights over stairs and put light switches at the top and bottom so you won't have to climb in the dark
2. Put safety catches on any windows children can reach. Make sure that you can still open them easily in case there's an emergency, like a fire
3. Try not to use rugs or mats on wooden floors. If you do have them, stick them to the floor with Velcro or double-sided tape

To see the rest of the **Top 10 Tips for a Safer Home**, just email us at goldline@ihug.co.nz with **Top 10 Tips** in the Subject line.

Our Selected Contractor This Issue:

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These are some of the great companies we use when doing an alteration or building a new home:



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