
Newsletter

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Christmas upon us already and what an awesome and eventful year.

A number of changes to the Building Code and particularly the Building Act have provided some interesting challenges for the building trade.

With the demise of building certifiers as we know them and the resulting increased work load for the district councils, the delays in obtaining building consents initially made forward planning of projects more challenging than really necessary. This is a frustrating time for customers also – plans are complete, the builders are ready... “What do you mean the consent is 12 weeks away?”

With the increased time required by district councils to process building consents, coupled with the additional time necessary to prepare plans and specifications with all the now required detail, building a new home does take a bit longer than what we are used to. And used to it we will all get. One of my favourite expressions is “the greater the challenge, the greater the reward.” It may take a bit longer, and may be frustrating at times but building a new home and creating that joy and happiness for the home owner is hugely rewarding and fun. So, you down there in Wellington, “bring it on, we are up to the challenge.”

Another really exciting element to the year for myself and Garland Builders has been the addition of several new and committed T.E.A.M. members. Wendy has joined us in the office at reception and office administration. Ken has taken the role of estimator/project manager and Jay and Blair have joined the building T.E.A.M. A finer looking, more committed T.E.A.M. you won't find anywhere, awesome.

In closing for the year, I would like to wish the T.E.A.M. and our past, present and future family of customers a great Christmas and let's strive for an even better 2006.

Remember, in life, what you focus on is what you get.....

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes,

Murray Garland