# THE HOME THAT ROSEBANK BUILT.

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# Bathrooms / Bedrooms

# Introduction.

Here at the Rosebank Business Association we started wondering, could you build a new home using only businesses within the Rosebank district? With hundreds of world class manufacturers and specialists in the area we quickly discovered you could.

The original brief for this feature was simple - over the course of a year, build a new fictional home using only businesses in Rosebank. Now into our seventh month and issue we have reinforced what we already knew - Rosebank is a thriving area of businesses and there really is everything here.

If you're looking to build, are in the process of building your own home, or want to extend, there will be something of interest to you in this feature. As we learn about new products and hear of tried and true systems, we can point you in the right direction to get your ideas and designs to the final building stage. By using local suppliers, not only will you be supporting local businesses, chances are you'll also find ways to save money too.

Some companies we feature in this series are large international companies, some are national, some are small family owned businesses - this is the nature of Rosebank. Whatever the situation, all have excellent reputations and expertise to help the building process be as seamless as possible.

Our first issue looked at the design and planning stages of a new build. From there we have investigated roofing and cladding, flooring and insulation, painting and plumbing, windows and doors, and last month we looked at kitchens. The products, suppliers and service providers we have and will feature stand out as some of the best on offer in the country - not just the best in Rosebank.

This month we look at two areas in the home. Firstly, we explore bathrooms and understand current trends, essential tasks and ways we can better design these spaces. We then look at bedrooms and from Autex we hear about an exciting insulation and sound proofing product they have created. We still have more to come in future issues. Coming issues explore the electrical and lighting needs of your property, utilities and appliances, glass solutions, furniture, and finally the landscaping of your property.

Let's keep building a solid foundation of knowledge and build a Rosebank home.

Feature by Alice Cranfield



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This month we look at two areas of the home that get a whole lot of use - the bathroom and the bedroom.

As we discovered with our research for this month's feature, there is a lot to consider when building a new bathroom - from waterproofing to tiling - there is plenty to investigate. By working with the right people, this doesn't need to be hard and many plumbing and building companies can oversee much of the whole process for you.

When it comes to bedrooms there are also lots of options. Correct insulation, sound proofing and of course the latest design trends can all factor into the final equation. Bedrooms are a sacred place in the home - they are the place we sleep, dream, kick back and truly relax. Creating a space that is well designed and built can have a huge impact on your general wellbeing.

In this issue we speak with key bathroom designers and manufacturers to hear their tips for creating the best bathroom. We also speak with manufacturing company Autex who is doing some amazing things with insulation and sound proofing. These products are made for Kiwis by Kiwis and can be used in both the bedroom and bathroom spaces.



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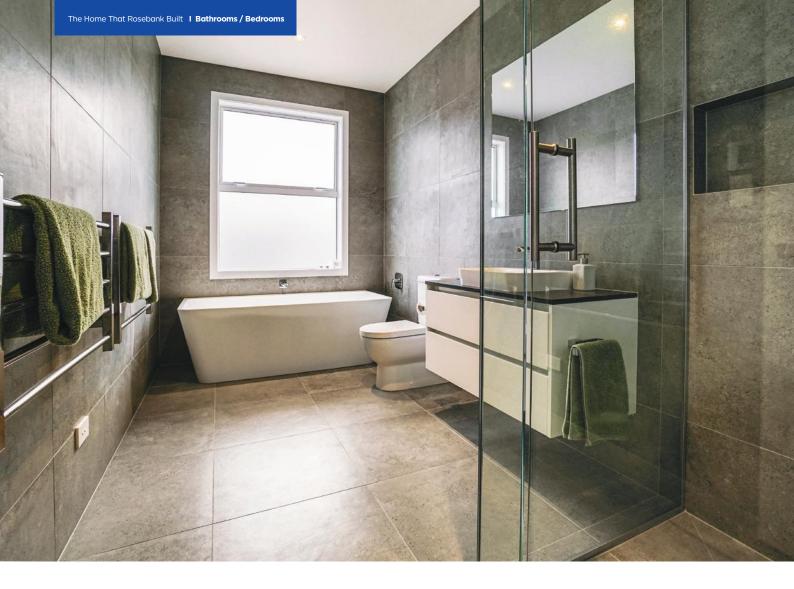
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### The Building Co.

When it comes to planning your new bathroom The Building Co has you covered. Established in 2006 by Auckland builder, Kendal Read, the company can guide you through the entire process from planning to final execution. Since starting as a small company over 20 years ago, The Building Co has expanded dramatically and now holds an enviable position in the market.

The Building Co has a wealth of knowledge within the construction industry and has effectively managed building projects; ranging from developing investment properties through to large high-end renovations and new builds. As the company has grown, effective systems have been developed to manage all the practical aspects of their construction work. From constructing a new build, to building a bathroom, to extending an existing home, The Building Co can do it all. With a large team, The Building Co successfully brings together Builders, Carpenters, Decorators, Site Foreman, Project Managers and Estimators.

The Building Co Director, Kendal Read, says that by using The Building Co, you know you will get a smoothly run project.

"The fundamental philosophy we hold is that The Building Co is an effective cornerstone in the collaboration of clients, designers, sub-contractors and suppliers," he says.

As well as the final construction and execution of your building project, The Building Co can work with you at the back end of the planning too to ensure your project happens on time and to budget.

Contact The Building Co today to see how they can work with you on your next construction project.



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Autex Account Manager, Jonty Brown, says the product acts as both a sound barrier and insulator in your home.

"The beauty with Sound Solution is that it has a thermal rating of R1.8 meaning you can insulate a 90 mm cavity as well as having a high-level acoustic product," he says. "You can control room temperatures and sounds within it."

How exactly does Sound Solution reduce noise in your home? Put simply, Sound Solution reduces airborne noise, impact noise and noise transmission by controlling resonating noise in the construction cavity. Essentially, this reduces the sound energy transferred from one side of the wall, to the other.

Autex believes strongly in their product so they back it with a 50-year durability warranty. Made by Kiwis, for Kiwis, call Autex today to see how you can use GreenStuf Sound Solution in your home.



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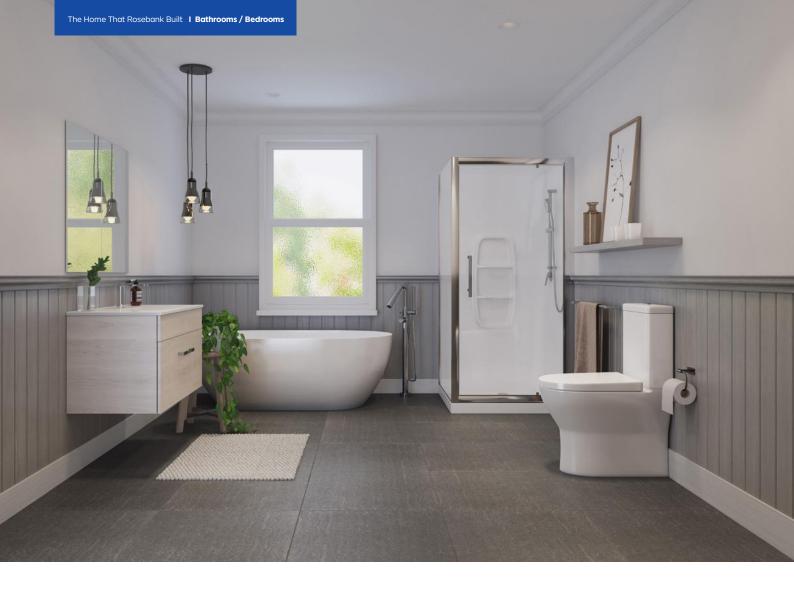
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With such longevity in the industry, SWL has earned a solid reputation. The plumbing contractors have been involved with many high end and large maintenance projects and they have worked extensively on residential sites, too.

With a specialisation in commercial maintenance, the company is available for plumbing, roofing and drainage work. As plumbers, SWL is also heavily involved with residential plumbing and much of the work they do is centred around the residential markets.

When it comes to creating your new bathroom, SWL has you sorted. They can meet with you at the early stages and help with advice on design and placement too. SWL's experience in the maintenance area will also give you sound knowledge at the outset of your new project, so you understand how to get the best out of your space.

Based on Rosebank Road, the team of five plumbers and an office administrator work throughout the entire Auckland area. The team is available to travel out of Auckland when required too.

To contact Somerfield and Wilson Limited, phone the office today on 825 0725 or contact Craig Wilson directly on 0274 935 667.



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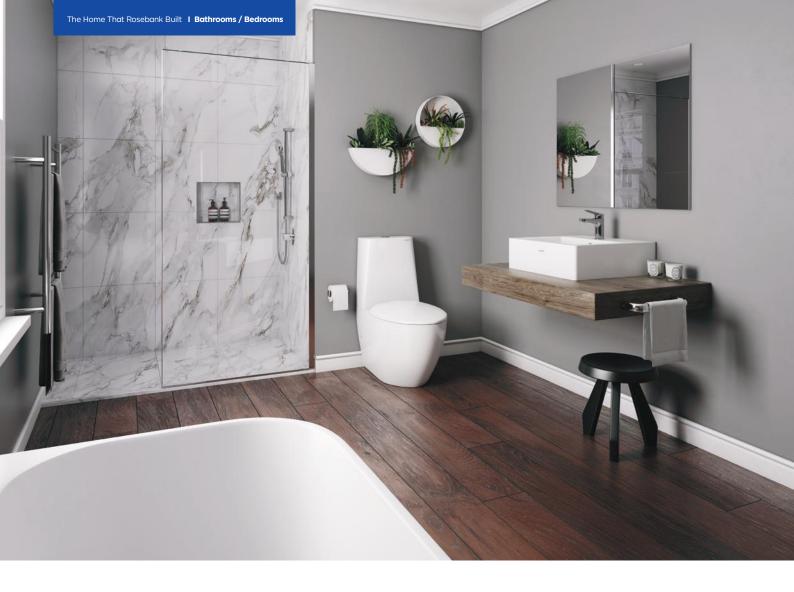
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#### **Heron Plumbing.**

When looking for a plumber to complete your new bathroom space, it is essential to make sure you use a plumber with experience. Auckland company, Heron Plumbing, employs 27 licensed plumbers and gasfitters and it has gone from strength to strength since starting in 1960.

As proud members of the Master Plumbing Association, you know you will receive top quality work when you engage with Heron Plumbing. From plumbing, to gas fitting, drainage, back flow prevention, spouting, down pipes or roofing - the company does it all.

Marketing Manager, Andrea Lovell, says Heron Plumbing is a strong family orientated business that trains and promotes within the company. On top of providing a full plumbing and gas service, Heron Plumbing make it their business to keep on top of bathroom trends.

"We travel to Germany regularly to visit the ISH trade show and keep on top of bathroom trends from Europe," says Andrea. "As well as all our plumbing services, we can help with the design of your bathroom."

With 56 years' experience in the industry, many of the senior plumbers at Heron did their apprenticeships with the company and are now employed through varying rolls: Contracts Manager, Estimator, Project Managers or Site Managers. This attention to staff is clearly paying off and can be seen carrying through to the high levels of detail being used in their bathrooms. Contact Heron Plumbing today for all your bathroom needs. Services are available in West Auckland, East Auckland and Central Auckland.







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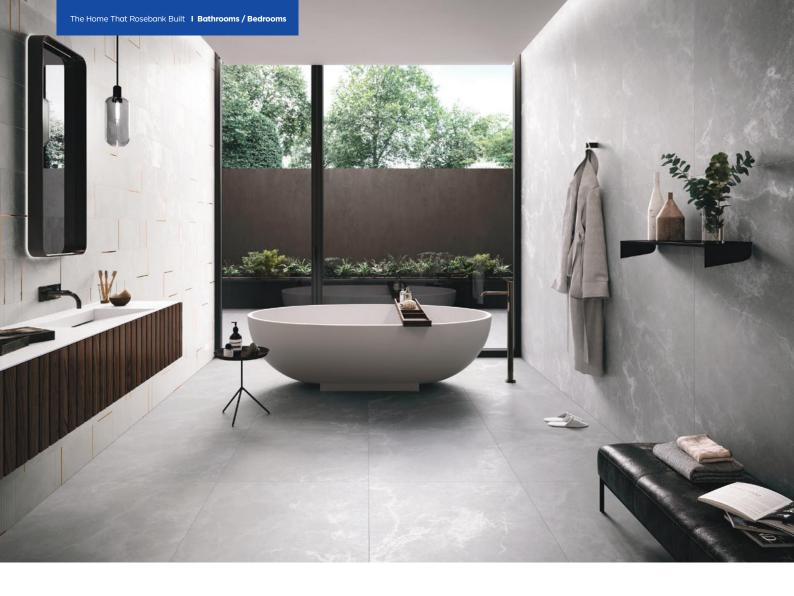




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#### The Tile Depot.

Tiling in the bathroom is a popular choice for many homeowners today. Current trends see floor to ceiling tiling, often with the continuous flow of tiles throughout the entire bathroom and shower areas.

The Tile Depot is your go-to tile specialist. What started as a single store in 1995 has now grown to a chain of 14 locations spread throughout the North Island.

General Manager, Mike Syddall, believes that the purchasing of tiles still requires interaction with a knowledgeable sales person.

"Although you can get ideas online from the Internet, our website, Pinterest and Instagram, nothing beats coming into a store to discuss your ideas, budget and areas to be tiled with our staff," he says. When meeting with The Tile Depot the sales assistants have a vast knowledge of the products they supply. Once hearing your needs, the team can help work with your vision, existing colour schemes and design style to find the perfect tiles for your project. With sound experience, The Tile Depot can also provide ideas on the many different installation patterns you may want to consider.

With different tiles designed for different spaces, Mike says it is important to be aware of using the right tiles to avoid costly mistakes.

"Not all tiles are created equal and different finishes are designed for different areas," he says.

Mike believes there are some other key points to remember when it comes to tiling your bathroom space: surface preparation, correct waterproofing underneath tiles and the right use of glues for different tiles is essential.

Visit The Tiling Depot today to discuss your tiling needs. You can rest assured you are getting the best, with all tiles sold through the company coming with a comprehensive ten-year warranty.



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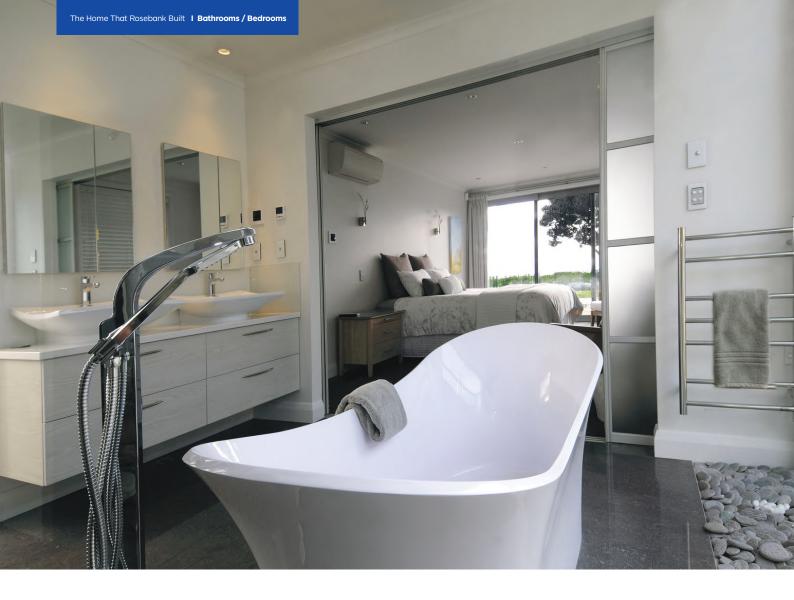


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#### Aquatica.

When Aquatica began, nearly 20 years ago, the local company was focused on producing and selling taps and laundry tubs. Over the last 18 months the company has expanded into showers, toilets, vanities and accessories.

This May, Aquatica is looking forward to celebrating its 20th year in business, solidifying their position in New Zealand's plumbing market. Aquatica takes great pride in the bathroom and kitchen products they manufacture, with almost all products being assembled and tested at the Rosebank based site.

"There is a real customer centric focus at Aquatica," says Marketing Executive Suzie Rosewarne. "Customer care is part of our overall ethos and our family operated company prides itself on the family values underpinning our culture."

With an on-site team responding to customer enquiries and great product warranties, Aquatica products have been shown to stand the test of time. Consumer NZ has also recommended Aquatica's Eco-Smarte Multi Spray Handshower set range.

When selecting a product for your bathroom, Suzie says it is important to understand where your bathroom fittings will be used and suggests clients first identify what the water pressure and overall tapware usage will look like. By doing this you will establish the overall functionality and maintenance that may be required long term. Once this is established, the aesthetic components come in to play. Suzie also suggests considering the warranties on products when purchasing for the bathroom to give you peace of mind.

"Bathrooms are heavy usage areas," says Suzie. "Not only does tapware need to stand up to the constant use within a bathroom, it also needs to stay looking good."

Aquatica is sold within all major



plumbing trade and retail stores throughout New Zealand but those in Auckland are encouraged to come to visit Aquatica's onsite showroom. Products displayed at the showroom can be viewed alongside experienced Aquatica technicians who will work with your specifications to assist you with your bathroom fittings decisionmaking process.

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