



Locals Working Together

# Building a Sanctuary From the Day to Day Hum Drum!

## David Reid Homes Building a Future



New Franchisee Owner Brendon Hamill

David Reid Home's philosophy is to develop and build a home that offers clients a sanctuary from the day to day 'hum drum' of every day life. Brendon says, "Yes, I'd be delighted to have a chat with clients about building their own special sanctuary."

Below: A very difficult site – With over a 5 metre cut – Using a pylon based retaining system. This has saved the client well over \$20,000 – "It's important to keep up with technology"

Says Brendon Hamill Counties DRH Franchisee Owner.



**D**avid Reid Homes is a quality brand that lets the home owner express their own individual character and usability. It is one of the largest building groups in New Zealand and has won more Master Builder awards than any other building company. For new franchisee owner Brendon Hamill, building homes is all about the individuality of the owners and working in partnership with clients on what they want in their dream home.

"Right from the start, we sit down and put together a custom designed plan to achieve the client's dreams and visions," explains Brendon. "We use a unique 10 step building process that involves the client right throughout and work in partnership with some of the New Zealand's leading suppliers, because quality is important."

"From the time we first step onto the site, we are looking for the best ways to create a home for that property, ways that take advantage of its best aspects, like sun and the profile of the land. Sometimes building sites can be very challenging and we have to think outside the box for a cost-effective solution. Delivering quality and space for the desired budget can also be a challenge and it takes a lot of hands-on-tools building experience in order to advise correctly."

Brendon keeps up to date with the many advancements in the building industry. "I make a point of being right up to date so I can advise and offer options. One of the areas that I am currently undertaking is the integration of eco-friendly energy management into our home designs. With the ever rising cost of fossil fuels it's important to build energy conversion systems into future proofing. Very few products that have come across my desk actively work. By working, I mean saving the home owner money at the same time satisfying functionality. Take solar heating for example. In my opinion it isn't cost effective. Everyone wants it but it takes years and years to get a payback from it, not to mention the maintenance of keeping the system working. There are more cost effective systems available, however it does mean you will still need to use non renewable resources". ■



Work in progress: Retaining fence nearing completion. Tilt slabs in place and concrete floor being poured.

