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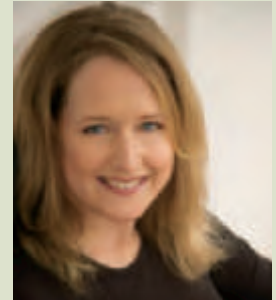
We are always surprised and delighted to see what hands-on DIYers create using a bit of energy, great resourcefulness and some Resene paint. From rejuvenating leather sofas to creating a home theatre screen. Take a look at this month's *Hey Habitat* column to see what we mean (pg 124)!

And, with the winter behind us, now is a great time to get out and tackle those decorating jobs. So, if you discover a new use for Resene paint this summer or solve one of those niggling DIY drawbacks, drop us a line to *Hey Habitat* and we'll make decorating more fun and less hassle for everyone.

On that note, about this time of year many of us get the urge to spring clean our homes and sheds. Those in the Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty areas should find spring cleaning easier from now on with the new Resene PaintWise service ready and waiting to take care of any unwanted paint or packaging for you. We donate any good quality Resene paint back to the community, so not only will you be gaining more storage space, but you can assist your local community groups at the same time (see page 75 for more information).

Take care out in the sun and make sure you slop on a good quality sunscreen before heading outdoors.

The Resene Team



from the editors

William Manners, in his *Patience and Fortitude* of 1976, comments that "When I make a mistake, it's a beaut!". We're the first to put up our hand to say that in the last issue, the article on home maintenance had a major flaw in it, which was pointed out to us within days of the magazine's release by a million architects and every District Council in the country. Essentially, the problem was, for Warrant of Fitness, read Certificate of Compliance. To that end, we've had a word with the writer; we can assure you that unless you have a cable car at home, you don't need a house WOF; and the Department of Building and Housing has come wonderfully the party on the issue and clarified things on page 91. Yes, we all have a responsibility to maintain our homes, but it's not as rigid as we were led to believe.

So, what else is in this *Habitat*? It's a holiday-themed issue, so we've got a couple of neat baches or cribs and some ideas on how to cope with your seaside garden. We take a look at colours you might never have thought of mixing, and experiment with a cool idea for children and paint (not too messy!). We've got a shower in the trees, the inside word on tiling, and some ideas on how to tidy up your decks and paths for summer.

And apart from all that, it's *Habitat's* first birthday, so sit down with your copy, take time to enjoy it and do let us know what you think!

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