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The EcoSmart Fire Ghost is a strikingly elegant, almost invisible fireplace fashioned from toughened glass and stainless steel that lavishes design appeal on any décor. Perfect for smaller, more compact indoor spaces, the see-through, reflective glass panels enhance the captivating flame and further add ambience and warmth to living areas. ecosmart.com.au

WARM UP IN STYLE

The best in heating solutions for your home

By Tatyana Leonov



Above
Small and portable, the Jakarta bio-ethanol fireplace by Designer Fire is ideal for tabletops or can be used outdoors for alfresco entertainment. Easy to move and use, it's also a clean and odourless fire and produces no smoke or ash. designerfire.com.au

Below
The Heatmaster Enviro is a 4.6-star energy rating gas heater that can heat up to a massive 250m². It is controlled by a thermostat that shuts off when the desired temperature is met so gas bills are kept to a minimum and the environment is looked after. The awarded unit with its defining rectangular frontage comes with a load of optional features that will suit both contemporary and traditional homes. heatmaster.com.au



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The Lopi Avalon Camano wood heater features clean, sleek design lines which allow for a unique and timeless presentation of fire that lends itself to a wide range of architectural styles from contemporary to transitional home décors. The Camano is designed to provide both radiant and convective heat and the large stovetop makes a great cooktop surface during power outages. The EPA-certified Camano is clean-burning, efficient and green and features a single air control to give you easy management over the fire. lopi.com.au

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING A FIREPLACE

As the months get cooler, heating becomes more pivotal. Here, Danni Tan from Designer Fire shares her expertise

FUNCTION

When looking at fireplaces, you first need to decide whether you want the fireplace primarily for heating or ambience as this will help determine the kind of fireplace model and the size of the fireplace you need. Smaller units (those with burner capacities of less than one litre) do not give off a lot of heat and are purchased mainly for aesthetics. Fireplaces with larger burners radiate more heat and will also last longer before needing to be refuelled.

Do you prefer something fixed to a wall or freestanding and portable so that you can move it from room to room? If you are planning to use the fireplace outdoors for an alfresco area, make sure the unit you purchase has been designed to withstand the elements. Weather-proofing the fireplace requires the use of a particular grade of stainless steel and some companies design their fireplaces for indoor use only; taking them outside will void your warranty and may cause damage.

PRICE

Consider your budget carefully and decide how much you want to spend. Fireplace pricing can vary from less than \$100 to several thousands of dollars. When comparing prices, there are a number of factors to take into account including burner capacity, materials used, type of fireplace etc.

Some units may appear to be great value since they are large in size, but they may have small burners which do not emit much heat.

In terms of materials used, ensure any glass components have been tempered and that the steel used is either stainless steel or some form of treated or powder-coated steel.

While it's true that more expensive products do not necessarily equal better products, you should only shop around for a cheaper product if it does not compromise on safety and quality.



With minimal installation required, the Chicago bio-ethanol fireplace by Designer Fire is a stunning focal feature and will look amazing in any room. It is gentle on the environment while keeping you warm in style. designerfire.com.au

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All **Jetmaster** fires provide brilliant radiant heat so you can be certain you are purchasing a quality product. Ultra-modern and suave, the Jetmaster Universal 700SH heater with landscape trim is designed to heat around 50m² and can be used as a focal centrepiece in the living area. Choose either a bronze nickel or black finish to complement your space. jetmaster.com.au

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Made using contemporary glass panels and sleek stainless steel, the Bordeaux fireplace by **Designer Fire** can be used as a stunning focal feature by placing multiple units side by side for an elongated look. With minimal maintenance required (bio-ethanol fireplaces are easy to fill, light and switch), it's an environmentally friendly option that is both attractive and stylish. designerfire.com.au

QUALITY

There are currently no standards in Australia to specifically regulate fireplaces so you should always choose a model that has been produced by a manufacturer that complies with relevant international standards, namely ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems. Brownie points should also be awarded to companies whose products comply with the standards of other countries in the absence of Australian standards (such as the TUV standard in Germany).

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Featuring three 1.5L burners, the **Designer Fire** Barcelona fireplace is ideal for producing a large quantity of heat. Each burner has a thermal output of 2.1 to 2.5kw/hour, ensuring your room stays comfortably warm and cosy. Because the fireplace does not rely on chimneys, flues or vents, the heat radiated is retained in the room. designerfire.com.au



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Ideal for indoor and outdoor use, the **Thermofilm** OZF-210B is a fully portable heater that looks sophisticated in any space. The flame provides the ambience and relaxation that only a real flame can, and at the same time produces approximately 3.5kW of heat output. thermofilm.com.au

AESTHETICS

It's important to choose a fireplace that works in your surroundings. Have a look at the fireplaces that are available and choose one with the style, shape and colour that best complements your décor. There are many companies offering a variety of products so make sure you do your research first and have an idea of what you want. With such a wide range of traditional and contemporary designs available, there will undoubtedly be something that will offer many years of enjoyment.

SAFETY

Treat open flames and flammable liquids with care to avoid injury to yourself and your property. Once you've purchased your fireplace, make sure you read your user manual from cover to cover and ensure you adhere strictly to the instructions and that you exercise caution and common sense at all times.

The **Lopi** Flush Wood is the latest addition to the range of Lopi wood inserts. Featuring emissions of only 1.5g/kg, it's one of the cleanest burning-wood heaters on the market. The new streamlined Lopi offers the option of two faces: the Shadow Box (pictured) and Cypress Face. lopi.com.au



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The new Cosmo I30 by **Jetmaster** features a unique reflective black-glass refractory liner that displays varying angles of the contemporary ribbon of flames surrounded by either ceramic pebbles or crushed coloured glass. The Cosmo I30 comes in a range of colours and with a choice of fronts including the Halo with its sleek curves, the Linear front with a landscape feel, or the Martini double-glass front for an uninterrupted clear view of the fire. jetmaster.com

Danni co-founded Designer Fire, a company with an extensive range of bio-ethanol fireplaces in stunning designs and at affordable prices. See designerfire.com.au for more information or to buy online.

SAFETY TIPS

Any open fires are a safety hazard for young children and pets. Make sure you opt for a wall-mounted fireplace which cannot be reached. Free-standing units placed on floors and low tables are not suitable, even when unlit, as children and pets may still come into contact with the fuel inside the burner. For added protection, you can get a fireplace with glass panes to shield children and pets further from the flame. When purchasing a wall-mounted fireplace, make sure the supplier has included the accessories required to mount it safely. These may include a steel-mounting bar and the relevant screws and washers required for your particular wall. Different wall types call for different screws and to ensure the fireplace is affixed safely and securely, you cannot compromise in this area. Brick and concrete walls require masonry screws while plasterboard walls require screws with spring toggles. Do not settle for anything flimsy, such as plastic wall plugs, as there is a risk they will melt when the fireplace heats up.

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WINTER WARMERS

Stay warm this winter with the latest in rugs, blankets, throws, cushions ... anything that keeps you cosy while looking stylish



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No one will outdo you as the snuggest bug in a brilliant red rug this winter with the **Creswick** alpaca blanket. This cosy addition to your winter home is made of 80 per cent alpaca and 20 per cent lamb's wool — and you don't get much softer or warmer than that. Creswick alpaca blankets come in a range of different sizes (cot to king size) and colours (combo red featured) and are perfect for any home. creswickwool.com



Above
Stay snug and warm in bed this winter with **Kambook's** new easy-to-use Snugasabug Fitted King Electric Blanket. Suitable for standard king-size beds, the King Fitted features three personal heat settings and an extra foot warmth feature for added comfort. With dual-detachable controllers and made from quality, machine-washable materials and fabrics, the Fitted King is family-friendly, easy to clean and has built-in safety overheat protection. kambrook.com.au

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One of the most inexpensive and effective ways to change the feel of a room is through the use of cushions. Adding warmth with colour is easy with the addition of the Corbeille cushion from **KAS Australia**. This chic cotton cushion comes in green (pictured), pink and teal and will create a beautiful contrast against the traditional charcoals and greys of winter, while adding a splash of colour to brighten your room. kasaaustralia.com.au



Throw rugs are ever so versatile and can add warmth, style and colour to a room. This boucle soft acrylic throw rug by **Bambury** is a wonderful winter addition and is available in an assortment of winter hues (charcoal colour pictured). bambury.com.au

RUG UP
Warm up your living space with the addition of a chic rug. These Ziga rugs are designed in Sydney in collaboration with Thomas Waterman Design and hand-knotted in Nepal using the traditional Tibetan style of rug weaving. Tibetan wool, silk and natural fibres including hemp, nettle and cactus are used. zigarugs.com



With inspired colours drawn from the feathers of the Nepalese danphe bird, and patterns from the inner markings of a tree trunk, the Danphe rug is stylish and innovative. It is exceptionally soft and is hand-knotted in Tibetan wool, emanating a soft glow (from the lanolin present in Tibetan wool).

The Kamero rug takes a more contemporary art approach with its distressed mood and sombre colours. This design is made in fine hand-spun Tibetan wool, hemp, nettle and silk, making it a dynamic design in look and feel. The hemp and nettle feel hard against the wool, while the Chinese silk adds the unparalleled softness and shine only silk possesses.

Drawing on inspirations from the bush, Mato is hand-knotted in natural fibres (including hemp and nettle). The earthy tones of the fibres create a natural and organic feel, staying true to the theme. Hemp and nettle are resilient natural fibres widely used and time-tested in the Himalayan regions of Nepal.



Inspiration flourishes with the addition of colour and texture in the home, so why not inject colour and warmth into your living space with this snug Mongolian throw cushion by **Bambury**. Made from 100 per cent Mongolian lamb's wool and genuine hide, this soft and supple cushion is an ideal winter style piece. Measuring 40x40cm, it comes in a variety of colours and can be used as a great accent piece with any décor. bambury.com.au



The 564HO gas fireplace by **Lopi** offers a choice of four different media types with three different burner options: the Dancing-Fyre burner with logs, the Ember-Fyre burner with logs, or the contemporary Diamond-Fyre burner with a choice of Fyre-Stone Rock or Driftwood Fyre Art with glass floor. The multifunction fireplace comes with the exclusive Lopi GreenSmart system and has heat output of 35mj and the ability to heat up to 158m². lopi.com.au

GAS HEATING

Wayne Millhouse, director of Lopi, answers some important questions about gas heating

Q What is the latest technology when it comes to gas fires?

A Direct vent is the latest technology when it comes to flame-effect gas fires. They are some of the most realistic flame-effect fireplaces on the market. Traditionally they have been used as zone and room heaters. However, they now have the ability to heat larger areas and can be used to heat individual or multiple rooms.

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This sleek and sophisticated fireplace from **Chazelles** is ideal for houses and apartments. Its clean lines and contemporary design are enhanced by its advanced engineered technology and energy-efficient operation. The Dancing Flame CG150 fireplace is one of the widest fully electronic gas fireboxes on the market. It features an impressive 1500mm, unique precision manufactured burner that displays an infinitely variable flame height. chazelles.com.au



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Efficient and good-looking, **Woodpecker's** Nectre Legend DV36 gas fire is a completely sealed, direct-vented gas fire. The cleverly designed sealed system works to maintain the air quality in your home by drawing the combustion intake and exhausting from an external system, while maintaining the warmth and character of the flame within its glass-fronted fire box. It comes with a versatile range of installation and positioning options and can be set up without the need for a convectional chimney. woodpecker.com.au

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The **Real Flame** Heatseeker 700 creates the warmth and ambience of an open fire at the flick of a switch. The fan-forced gas fire is available in four conveniently sized fireboxes designed to slide easily into most existing fireplaces. Available in an inbuilt version for masonry fireplaces, or a zero clearance option for new applications, the Heatseeker not only looks great, but will also heat up to 45m². realflame.com.au

Q What is a GreenSmart system and why is it beneficial?

A The GreenSmart system is one of the biggest advances in technology in relation to direct-vent gas fires. GreenSmart™ is an innovative collection of components, controls and technology which, when combined, provide an elegant, smarter and greener way to heat your home. The units have some of the biggest turn-down ratios which essentially allow you to maintain temperatures in the home while still having the visual of a fire burning. It is very important to maintain heat in the home and not let a chill set in. The larger the turn-down ratio, the longer the heater can stay on, allowing you to burn efficiently through the night and into the morning when it is the coldest outside.

Q Does it work anywhere?

A Its features allow for the unit to operate efficiently to its optimum, regardless of environment, and enable you to view your fireplace almost all year round.

Q What are maintenance levels like?

A Another big advantage of gas fires is that there is very little maintenance involved. It is recommended that you have your gas fireplace serviced once a year to ensure everything is operating correctly, otherwise there is no maintenance except for perhaps changing batteries from time to time.

Q How do I find a fire that suits my space?

A Recently, trends have changed in line with home décor looks. There are now choices in how gas fire units are finished, along with additional accessories such as liners inside the fireplace and various face options. Your fireplace can be modern and contemporary or classic and traditional. The choice is yours.

For more information, visit lopi.com.au

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The French-designed GyroFocus from **Oblica** is the world's first suspended rotating fireplace. Made of a single skin of steel (3mm mild steel), it can rotate 360 degrees to provide heat by radiation. It's a 50 per cent efficient fireplace, which is really efficient for an open fireplace. oblica.com.au



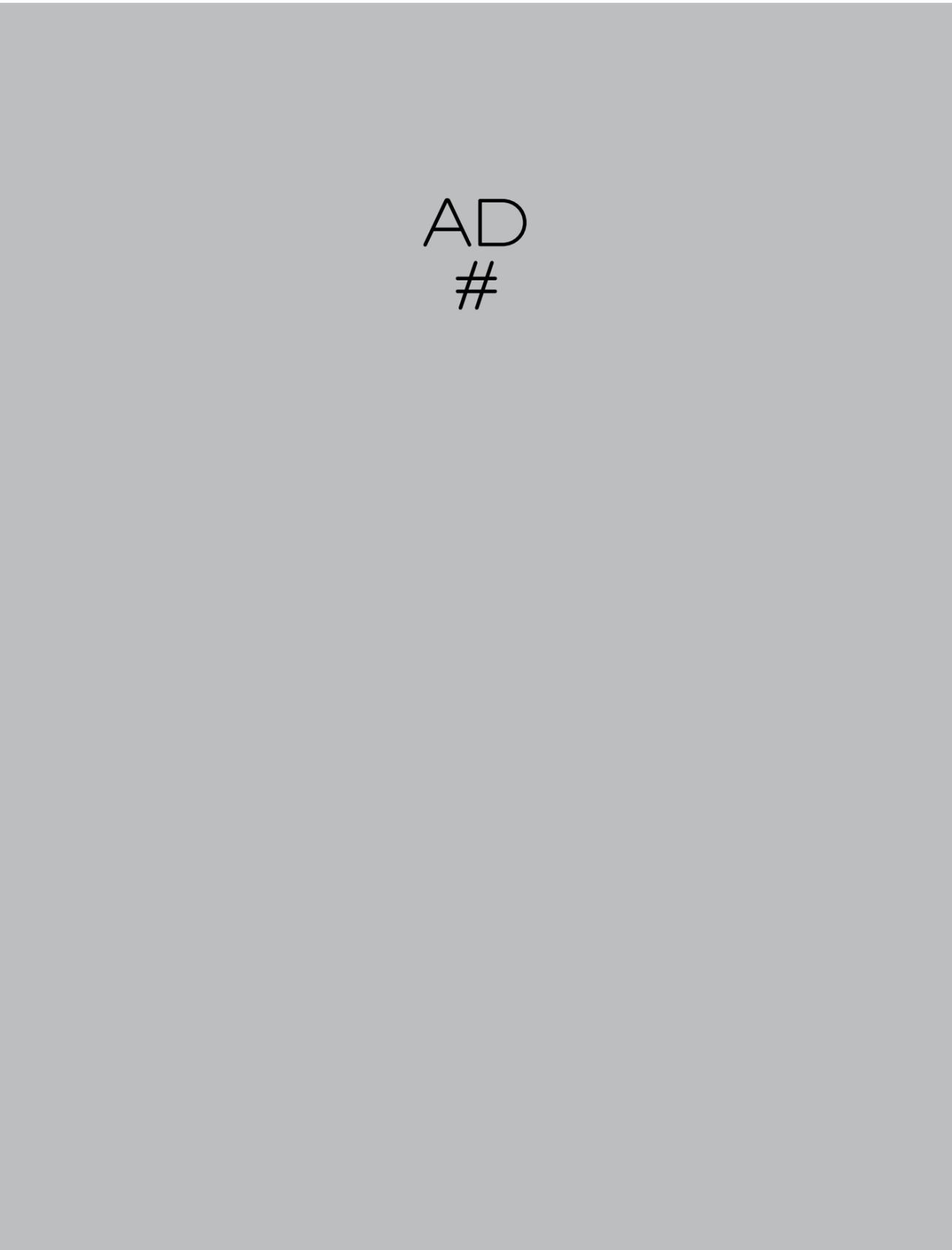
The **Lopi** DVL GS with Cypress Gas Insert is designed to transform your old masonry fireplace into an efficient source of heat for your home. Its large heating capacity of up to 180m² and the combination of convective heat, radiant heat and reduced-depth dimensions mean it is ideal for existing fireplace openings.

The realistic Ember-Fyre "wood-like" flame, along with the heat output, can be controlled by the convenient GreenSmart remote system, which allows you to turn off part of the burner with the push of the button — so you can turn down the heat while maintaining the fire and glowing embers. This allows you to comfortably use your fireplace all year round. lopi.com.au



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Australian made and owned, the **Heatmaster** A Series Open Gas Fire is a great option for those looking to heat a smaller-sized area but still have the ambience of a traditional fire. Easily installed into a timber and plaster frame eliminating the need for brickwork, the A Series comes with many optional features to further enhance your heating experience. heatmaster.com.au

"Over the past two years, we have seen an increasing number of gas fires being introduced and older models being revamped due to new technology, allowing greater flexibility in installation and design for all dwelling types."
"Many manufacturers are phasing out older models with pilot lights that remain on at all times, to an intellifire ignition system, which only turns on the pilot light when in use and therefore burns less gas."
Collette Frankland — Woodpecker. For more information, visit woodpecker.com.au



ELECTRIC PANEL HEATING

What is it and how does it work?
Gregor Black, general manager of
Noirot Australia, shares his knowledge

Q What is electric panel heating?

A Convection and radiant panel heating is a slimline non-obtrusive form of heating.

Q How exactly does it work?

A Fan heaters rely on the force of the fan to distribute hot air into the room and this can often be noisy and uncomfortable — plus it forces the lighter hot air up to the ceiling. The Noirot heating system uses natural convection to ease the hot air into the room. Natural convection means the heavier cold air is attracted to the electric element heated inside the heater, and then becomes lighter hot air which is pushed out the top of the heater by more cold air from the bottom. This movement therefore creates a clean, silent, allergy-friendly cycle into the room.

Q What are some benefits of electric panel heating?

A This method allows for allergy-free heating as no dust particles are blown around the room, as with fan heaters. This form of heating is also extremely efficient.

Q What are the installation options?

A Noirot offers both wall-mountable bracket and castors.

For more information,
visit noirot.com.au

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DeLonghi HLP500
electric panel heater



Top
Noirot Evolution Tall 2000
electric panel heater

Above
DeLonghi HHP2000 electric
panel heater

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Noirot Evolution Skirting
electric panel heater 500

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BATHROOM HEATING

Do you hate stepping out of a warm shower into freezing air or onto cold tiles — and grabbing a towel off an icy towel rack? Bathroom heating in the cooler months can make a world of difference

Bathroom heating is especially important when it's cold and there are numerous options available to make your bathroom a more comfortable place to be. There are many ways to heat your bathroom; we have listed some of the more common methods below:

Underfloor heating is usually a hydronic or electric type of heating system that is laid beneath the bathroom flooring. In-slab heating, in-screed heating and thin film heating are some of the options that radiate heat through the floor into the bathroom.

Known as either radiant bar heaters or strip heaters, wall-mounted electric heaters heat up the bathroom space quickly and efficiently. Heat lamps are mounted on the ceiling and combine with lights and an exhaust fan. You can choose to use just the heat lamps or a combination of the heat lamps, light and fan. Some models have temperature controls for improved efficiency.

Heated towel rails are popular, easy to install and are designed to dry and warm your towels — a simple pleasure when it's cold. Some models can also throw out heat into the bathroom, helping to warm the room.



Above Bathroom screed installation is the most common bathroom installation used, placed directly over the waterproof membrane before the floor tiles are laid. "Only the free floor space is used and the cost is very affordable. Bathroom heating becomes totally invisible within the smallest room in the house," explains Sandra Skelly of Comfort Heat

LIGHT THE WAY

Sampford IXL has a stylish new look for the IXL Tastic three-in-one bathroom heat, vent and light range. The new fascia design of the Tastic range is sleek and unobtrusive and is designed to improve the aesthetic of any bathroom. Retaining all the energy-saving and safety features of a genuine Tastic, the models suit all budgets, needs and spaces.

The Classic models are suitable for retrofitting, while the Eco and Easy Duct models fit into new homes with five-star energy ratings or for energy-conscious homeowners. Both ranges use compact fluorescent globes expending up to 74 per cent less electricity than comparable incandescent lights. Eco and Easy Duct models will meet even the most stringent energy-saving design requirements.

Simple yet functional, each model comes complete with infrared heat lamps, providing instant warmth with no warm-up period. Ideally installed directly above the area where you dry yourself, Tastic lights heat you, not your bathroom.

Each Tastic model comes complete with a centre light for maximum illumination in your bathroom, and enhances visibility for daily tasks such as shaving or applying makeup.

To prevent buildup of residue or mould, a powerful exhaust fan quickly ventilates and draws steam-laden air from the bathroom while you shower.

Each Tastic unit cover is dishwasher-safe and includes a five-year in-home warranty. Tastic products are available from specialist appliance retailers nationwide.

For more information, visit ixlappliances.com.au



SAVE ENERGY WITH UNDERFLOOR HEATING

"Sustainability is the word for current home design," says Sandra Skelly from Comfort Heat. "Minimising our footprint on the planet can start at home and there are many ways we can reduce our waste too. One element of this is looking at the energy we consume and employing ways to make its use more efficient.

"Some homeowners try to eliminate their use of non-renewable energy, but the reality is that most of us will remain dependent on energy provided by powerplants, hoping that in the future more renewable energy sources will be used for its creation. The key is to ensure we do not waste the energy we use.

"Floor heating makes sense as an efficient heating option for major renovations and new builds, as heat naturally rises without additional mechanisms required to move it in any other direction. Rather than having one point of high heat, low heat is in the floor, evenly distributing a gentle warmth to the living areas of the spaces and making the great percentage of the energy used useful. The other benefits are that floor heating is totally invisible, does not create dust or fumes and can be controlled with thermostats for maximum efficiency."

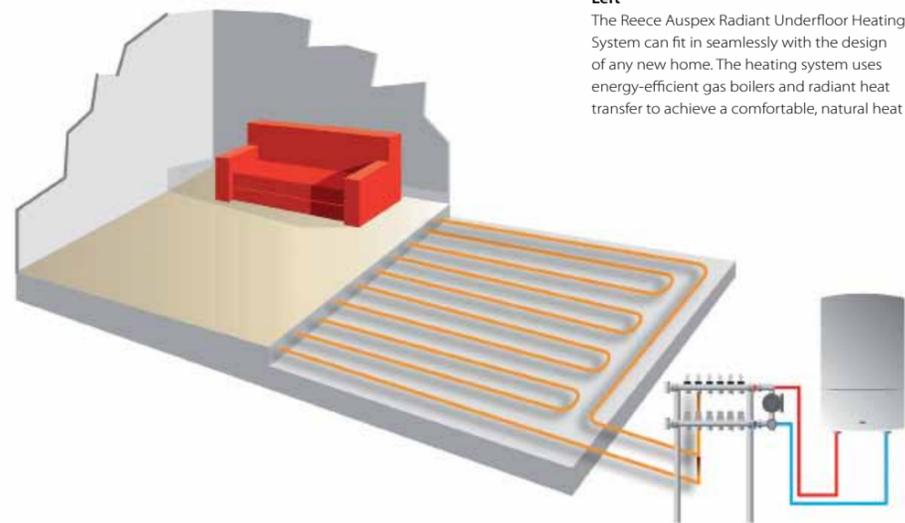
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The Reece Neoclassic Bathroom

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The Reece Auspex Radiant Underfloor Heating System can fit in seamlessly with the design of any new home. The heating system uses energy-efficient gas boilers and radiant heat transfer to achieve a comfortable, natural heat



The Reece Auspex Radiant Underfloor Heating System allows families to indulge in the luxury of underfloor heating at a fraction of the cost. The heating system uses energy-efficient gas boilers and radiant heat transfer to achieve a comfortable natural heat, meaning greater efficiency and return on cost through the life of the unit.

The system has been designed specifically to fit in seamlessly with the design of any new home. Using a specially designed hot water heating system, Auspex Radiant provides even distribution of heat throughout your home — and it's so quiet you won't even know it's there.

Not only does the Auspex Radiant provide an efficient way to stay warm, it's much healthier than traditional systems. Rather than blowing dust that can irritate asthma or hayfever sufferers, Auspex Radiant creates a fresh and safe environment for families to enjoy.

For more information, visit reece.com.au/hydronicheating/auspexradiant

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Woodpecker Hurlcon towel rail



Hydrotherm towel rail

HEATED TOWEL RAILS

Manufactured in Europe, these versatile towel rails are equally at home in the bathroom, ensuite, powder room, utility room, laundry, kitchen or wherever heating is required.

Hurlcon ThermoLine hydronic heated towel rails come in a variety of sizes to cater for most rooms. They are in a durable powder-coated finish in white (RAL9010) or elegant chrome, in both flat or curved styles. The tubular design makes cleaning simple and will complement any décor.

ThermoLine can be combined with radiators, convectors and fan convectors for a complete hydronic central-heating system.

For more information, visit woodpecker.com.au

Hydrotherm heated towel rails are proudly Australian owned and made. They are manufactured using only the finest copper and brass materials before being finished in a highly durable electroplated chrome finish. Copper is renowned for its high thermal conductivity, allowing heat to radiate into your towels and ensuring they dry faster and more evenly. All Hydrotherm heated towel rails are water-filled and heated via a replaceable, low-wattage electric element. The water element is thermostatically controlled to maintain the external temperature without the need to continually draw power. This makes Hydrotherm heated rails some of the most energy efficient on the market.

For more information, visit hydrotherm.com.au



Hydrotherm towel rail