

HOUSE | and garden

Traditionally, winter is the time to come indoors and 'hibernate'. We surround ourselves with warm, cosy, good feeling interiors. Indoors, the kitchen becomes a focal point, the heart of the home, the smell of homemade stews, soft lighting, family and dinner conversations. Our lounge rooms become a gathering place for conversation and perhaps the viewing of our favourite footy teams (GO SAINTS!), draping ourselves over sumptuous sofas.

THIS ISSUE WE EMBRACE 'WINTER'...

Briony's **'Bed 'n Home'** in Mornington has a true 'winter' feel with a magnificent new range of ruched velvet cushions in plums, coppers, forest greens, complimented by smaller plump, coordinated & sequined cushions & luxurious mohair rugs. Warmth just exudes from her creative & colourful store.

Sofa So Good's Jason provides a service that includes total customized living room sofas, rugs and lamps to suit the room and the owner! Textures, patterns, coordinated ranges in complimentary colours with dashes of vibrancy in solid colours complete a theme.

Dale from **'Tigerlily'** in Mornington has a magic range of rough sawn Tasmanian Oak Timber - rustic & rugged but gives flavour to any home - Australia grown! Dale focus is on dining & lounge areas.

Chris from **'Absolutely Fabulous'** in Mt Eliza, compliments the winter lounge decor in gorgeous

pearlized lamps with gold leaf (1.65 metre standard lamp), simply a sight to see.

Dennis from **'House'** in Mornington compliments our kitchen feature with accents. Statements are made by kitchen aids and incorporated into a kitchen decor, Earthy reds being a favourite for winter.

Catherine and Lizzie from **'Mellow Canary'** in Mt Eliza encourage their clients to bring their heritage, comfortable, well worn and well loved pieces into their home. (See more in the kitchen feature).

WHAT IS OUR COSIEST PLACE IN THE HOME DURING WINTER? The bedroom- ahhh. Snuggled up in a warm doona, loads of pillows, subdued lighting & a good book. Alan of **'Bedshed'** in Mornington has a new range of beds that ensures 'very little partner disturbance'. No guarantees on the snoring factor but has a fabulous pocket spring bed that may alleviate sleeping problems.

Vanessa from **'Snooze'** in Dandenong (formerly Capt'n Snooze) offers a free body map that will help you ensure that you get the right bed for you. And, if you want more, why not try a 15 minute massage on their new range of Human Touch massage chairs - what indulgence!



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OUR WINDOW & DOOR FEATURE IS A MUST TO READ. Graeme from **'Doorworld'** is creating some interesting dimensions to this industry. Rin from **'Future Windows'** takes windows into the next decade. Such an important decision in a home can't be overlooked. Scott from **'All Seasons Clear Blinds'** tells us how we can make full use of exterior living areas by creating outdoor windows.

Back to our kitchen feature we speak about lighting, with Adam from **'Beacon Lighting'** of Frankston. Paula from **'Nepean Stone'** talks about alternatives in stone, and Chris from **'CFS Joinery'** talks about extra's a kitchen requires. All of these culminate to create a kitchen of consequence. With this we see a real life transformation of a lounge room created by Judy Lucy of Mornington. So read on!

- Cheers
Ginger Hill.



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