

CHRISTCHURCH COUPLE REBUILD WITH ECOPLY BARRIER

The new home.



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Rob and Jan Dally have always known they lived in a very special spot. Their charming Prebbleton home of 23 years is set on a lush and tranquil five hectares yet is only 15 minutes from central Christchurch.

When their children left home, Rob and Jan realised they shouldn't keep their home all to themselves. So 15 years ago, the couple opened the doors of their boutique bed and breakfast, Matariki.

Rob says opening their home as a B&B was an easy decision. “It's a very special spot. Nobody leaves unhappy.”

The couple enjoyed many years playing host to people from all over the world. But at 4:35 am on 4 September, 2010, that all changed. While they were asleep in their upstairs bedroom, the first of the Christchurch earthquakes damaged their brick and weatherboard home beyond economic repair.

Keen to get their lives back on track, six months later Rob and Jan signed a contract to completely re-build their home on the same site as the original dwelling, and work got underway.

A trained engineer, Rob asked for the new house to be fully ply-braced, rather than just at the ends of each wall.

“Someone recommended Ecoply Barrier but suggested that full enclosure was overkill! I disagreed and we demanded full enclosure.”

Many things appealed to Rob about using Ecoply Barrier:

“It clearly had more strength than building paper, would provide additional acoustic insulation and heat insulation benefits and it was a fully waterproof system.”

With winter approaching, the use of Ecoply Barrier enabled the house to be closed in quickly meaning inside works could get underway immediately, which was key for Rob and Jan.

Ron and Jan said, an unexpected surprise was the drastically reduced power bills, which are half what they used to be.

The couple re-opened the Matariki B&B with a modern two bedroom, two bathroom apartment adjoining the main house.

With three grandchildren who visit regularly, Rob and Jan say they feel much safer knowing the house is wrapped in plywood rather than paper.

“Ecoply Barrier is a must for anybody building a new home anywhere in New Zealand, not just Christchurch,” says Rob.