

Winter and time to hibernate, drink hot toddies and plan for warmer days. We're sure that those of you who are now in your concrete homes will be enjoying the thermal benefits. Our winter tasks include updating our website www.mra.net.nz in time for Spring. We are looking at re-energising the site to show off some of our portfolio shots, items of interest & a race page to reflect on our other passion!

On the Up!

Printing Costs

Unsurprisingly, along with rising building material costs, fuel, tomatoes and just about everything else you could imagine we have received news from our printer that plan printing costs are to rise by approximately 5%. We don't yet have specific rate increases for our plan printing services but will be applying the new costs as we receive them. To keep things simple (when is life ever simple?) we will be issuing invoices for printing costs to date for most projects.

Can We Help?

We have prepared architectural documentation for 3 resource consent applications (demolition & building) under Auckland City's new Residential 1 & 2 zoning rules (PM163) over the past year. Not easy, but our clients can now proceed with their modern, concrete homes. If you have friends or colleagues planning to build in these zones we can help.

MRA Racing – Wet, Wet, Wet!

A shockingly wet end to our Alfa Romeo Trofeo Season. The last fine meet was the legendary March Mania meeting run by Alfa Romeo Owners' Club (Auckland) on 25 March. This meeting was memorable for 2 reasons. Firstly, our guest **Nick Olisoff**, blitzed two 147 GTA's (Mark's road car model & very quick) to win a multi-car sprint driving the company race car '**Olive**' (a modest 1.7 1982 Alfa Sud in Black). Very impressive! Secondly, after inhaling too many fumes on the sideline, Wendy entered her first race meeting with a very fresh National Race Licence. A very consistent last place was achieved in her first two real races, still not too bad for a very standard (now called 'Stan') little 1.5 1984 Alfa Sud - also in Black. And the verdict "I'll be back..." (Sponsorship invited!)

So the season ended very wet with our AGM races being cancelled before the cars got off the trailers. However, end of year standings showed Mark achieved a very credible **5th overall** up against some rather fast competition. Roll on next year.

In the meantime setting a time record for getting a race licence, joining the Trofeo Series and ending up on the executive Wendy has accepted the position of Chairman for the 2006/2007 year. First task is to help set up a website for the series www.trofeo.org.nz. So be warned, if calling on a Friday afternoon between late September and May of next year you may just get the answer phone! Of course the good news is this passion will keep us firmly focused on working hard between the 10 scheduled race meetings.



Recently completed

Completed late May and currently on the market is the **Crete-ative Developments** project in **Arney Crescent**, Remuera. Congratulations to John & Dean Marris, Ross Bannan and the project team on the finished product. MRA was pleased to have been involved and thanks to the Crete-ative partners for selecting us for the job. We were appreciative to have the chance to show a number of clients through the house; and look forward to doing this with other homes in the future.

Get Set for Summer at the Beach!

We have Progetti Style concept plans for Coastal living ready to draft. Purchase **July/August only** from **\$1500.00 incl. GST**. **Save approx 80%** on architectural sketch design fees.

Cheers,

Wendy & Mark
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